

Course Description: Psychiatry, Culture, and the Meaning of Disease ENRH-155

Course Director: Jai Gandhi, MD

Faculty Sponsor: N/A

Department: Department of Psychiatry

Student Liaison: Rachel Green

Requirements:

- Minimum Students: 4
- Maximum Students: 15
- Interested Students:
 - Destiny Bailey
 - Dani Kopado
 - Virginia Wang
 - Deena Habazi
 - Gabriele Slaughter
 - Christine Yuan
 - Stephanie Ngo
 - Annie Hans
 - Madeleine Marlar
 - Rachel Green

Rationale:

To allow developing medical students to gain a nuanced understanding of the concept of mental illness through an account of the interplay of the influences between medicine, culture, and society.

Objectives:

1. Examine the meaning of disease and the framework for psychiatric disorders.
2. Examine the nature of suffering within mental illness.
3. Discuss the impact of structures of power on the approach to illness.
4. Examine the role of the history of psychiatry in current practice.

Format:

- Discussion based course with intermittent didactic elements
 - The course will be conducted virtually and will occur via Google Meet/Zoom
 - Virtual classroom etiquette will apply
- Five classes that are two hours and twenty minutes each: Wednesdays at 5:30 pm
 - September 16: Illness and Disease, Psychopathology, and Suffering
 - September 30: Suffering and The Limitations of the DSM
 - October 14: Sociocultural Factors and Antipsychiatry
 - October 28: Power and Knowledge
 - November 18: Stigma and Suicide

Student Evaluation:

Grades will be pass/fail. Attendance is required to receive credit for this course.

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Grading will be pass/fail. To receive transcript acknowledgment, students must:

- attend 10 of 12 participant hours
- complete the online REDCap course evaluation form