Sociocultural Determinants of Health

Course overview

This course, designed for upper level undergraduate and graduate students in anthropology and related health and social sciences, will critically examine medical anthropology as used to comprehend and solve human health-related problems within the United States, and in Oregon. Emphasis will be on theoretical models, methodological approaches, and related debates; anthropological perspectives on health; challenges of research implementation; anthropology and health policy; ethical considerations in applied research and application; and specific roles (and implications) of anthropologists in applied health initiatives. The course will involve case studies and provide students with ample opportunity to translate theory into research hypotheses and study designs to address pressing contemporary health concerns.