

Department	Sociology	
Course Code	SUPE 308	
Course Title	Medical Sociology	
No. of Credits	03	
Pre-requisites	None	
Core/ Supplementary	Supplementary	
Aim(s): To provide the students with knowledge on social contexts of physical and mental health, illness and medical care, using the debates and contrasting perspectives that characterize the field of medical sociology.		
Intended Learning Outcomes: On successful completion of the course, the students should be able to:		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Demonstrate a clear understanding of basic concepts, theories, and perspectives in medical sociology • Apply them to understand health and medicine on Sri Lanka society. 		
Time Allocation (Hours):	Lectures: 45	Notional Hours: 150
Course content/Course description: Introduction to Bio-medicine vs. Social medicine, Sociological Perspectives on Health and Illness (Functionalism, political economy, symbolic interactionism, social constructionism), Social determinants of health and Illness, (Ethnicity, age, genetic factors, class, caste, gender, family, disability, Working condition, employment, income, social exclusion, housing, social safety net, education, exercise, diet, unhealthy habits), The Social Organization of Medical care, (Professionalization, medical dominance and medicalization); Crises and reforms in health care services.		
Recommended Texts (if any):		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bradby, Hannah Medicine, health and society: a critical sociology – Sage Publications. Los Angeles - pbk. : 189p. : index, glossary; 23 cm • Cockerham, William C. Medical sociology on the move: new directions in theory - Springer Dordrecht, Netherlands - pbk. : x, 267 p. : bib., index; 23 • Cockerham, W. C. (2014). Medical sociology. John Wiley & Sons, Ltd. • Graham - W.B. Sociology as applied to medicine Scambler, Saunders Edinburgh - 311 p. 306. • Kelly, M. P., & Field, D. (1996). Medical sociology, chronic illness, and the body. Sociology of Health & Illness, 18(2), 241-257. • Mechanic, D. (1978). Medical sociology. New York: Free Press, • Scambler, Graham Sociological theory and medical sociology – Tavistock Publications London - hbk. : vii, 26 p. : index ; • Smith, J. A., Flowers, P., & Osborn, M. (1997). Interpretative phenomenological analysis and the psychology of health and illness. Material discourses of health and illness, 68-91. • Tuckett, D. ed. An introduction to medical sociology – Tavistock Publications London - 412. 		
Assessment	Percentage Mark	
End-Course Examination	100%	