

– 9:00 p.m. HSB 35

Prerequisite: Health Sciences 2610F/G

Note: Unless you have either the requisites for this course or written permission from your Dean to enrol in it, you will be removed from this course and it will be deleted from your record. This decision may not be appealed. You will receive no adjustment to your fees in the event that you are dropped from a course for failing to have the necessary prerequisites.

Course Description

This course provides an introduction to rural communities and how they differ from urban communities. Rural vs. urban comparisons will be introduced from sociological, infrastructure, political, and health services perspectives.

Course Objectives

The learning objectives of this course are for students to:

- Understand rural communities from a variety of perspectives, and how rural communities are defined and how they define themselves
- Understand the health of the rural population
- Understand how the social determinants of health affect people living in rural communities
- Understand the challenges that rural communities face in providing accessible and comprehensive health care
- Understand the roles of various levels of government, federal, provincial and municipal and their capacity to deliver service programs to rural communities

Course Website

<https://owl.uwo.ca/portal>

work collaboratively with, and contribute to the learning of their classmates, and to notify the instructor if the pace of the lectures is too fast or too slow. Comments, suggestions and constructive feedback are always welcome and appreciated.

Student Responsibilities

Students are expected to attend all classes as material covered during lectures may not be in your readings and the majority of material for the final exam will come from classroom content, including

A. Class participation (10%)

This includes attendance to classes, group activities and discussion forums.

B. Paper #1: Rural Community Health Assessment paper (20%)

Misrepresenting the work of others as your own, constitutes academic dishonesty and is a major academic offence in the University (see Scholastic Offence Policy in the UWO Academic Calendar). Ensure that you know what plagiarism is and what your obligations are. Review the UWO guide Cheating, Plagiarism and Unauthorized Collaboration:

What Students Need to Know found at: <http://www.uwo.ca/ombuds/pdf/academicintegrity>

All required papers may be subject to submission for textual similarity review to the commercial plagiarism detection software under license to the University for the detection of plagiarism. All papers submitted for such checking will be included as source documents in the reference database for the purpose of detecting plagiarism of papers subsequently submitted to the system. Use of the service is subject to the licensing agreement, currently between Western University and Turnitin.com (<http://www.turnitin.com>).

Computer-marked multiple-choice tests and/or exams may be subject to submission for similarity review by software that will check for unusual coincidences in answer patterns that may indicate cheating.

Lateness and lateness penalties:

You are expected to complete and turn your assignments in on time.

A late assignment will be penalized 5% each day past the due date (including weekends) except for valid extenuating circumstances.

Privacy:

BHSc. Program policy does not permit email or telephone communication of grades. Confidential access of grades is available through OWL. Students may also arrange a meeting with the instructor to discuss grades.

Student Inquiries:

Students may direct inquiries to the instructor after class or via email at rdolina2@uwo.ca with turn-around time for response within 48 hours. It is expected that email communication will be used respectfully and judiciously.

Statement on Use of Electronic Devices:

Electronic devices such as cell phones, must be turned off during class. Laptops may be used for note taking during lectures. Using laptops to access MSN, email or the internet during class time is not acceptable. No electronic devices are permitted during tests/examinations.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

Student Code of Conduct

The purpose of the Code of Student Conduct is to define the general standard of conduct expected of students registered at The University of Western Ontario, provide examples of behaviour that constitutes a breach of this standard of conduct, provide examples of sanctions that may be imposed, and set out the disciplinary procedures that the University will follow. For more information, visit <http://www.uwo.ca/univsec/board/code.pdf>.

English Proficiency for the Assignment of Grades

Visit the website <http://www.uwo.ca/univsec/handbook/exam/english.pdf>.

Accommodation for Medical Illness or Non-Medical Absences

http://www.uwo.ca/univsec/handbook/appeals/accommodation_medical.pdf

The University recognizes that a student's ability to meet his/her academic responsibilities may, on occasion, be impaired by medical illness. Illness may be acute (short term), or it may be chronic (long term), or chronic with acute episodes. The University further recognizes that medical situations are deeply personal and respects the need for privacy and confidentiality in these matters. However, in order to ensure fairness and consistency for all students, academic accommodation for work representing 10% or more of the student's overall grade in the course shall be granted only in those cases where there is documentation indicating that the student was seriously affected by illness and could not reasonably be expected to meet his/her academic responsibilities.

A UWO Student Medical Certificate (SMC) is required where a student is seeking academic accommodation. This documentation should be obtained at the time of the initial consultation with the physician or walk-in clinic. An SMC can be downloaded under the Medical Documentation heading of the following website: <https://studentservices.uwo.ca/secure/index.cfm>.

Documentation is required for non-medical absences where the course work missed is more than 10% of the overall grade. Students may contact their Faculty Academic Counselling Office for what documentation is needed.

Whenever possible, students who require academic accommodation should provide notification and documentation in advance of due dates, examinations, etc. Students must follow up with their professors and their Academic Counselling office in a timely manner. Documentation for any request for accommodation shall be submitted, as soon as possible, to the appropriate Academic Counselling Office of the student's Faculty of registration. For BHSc students, you may go to the School of Health Studies Office in HSB room 222.

Scholastic Offences

Scholastic offences are taken seriously and students are directed to read the appropriate policy, specifically, the definition of what constitutes a Scholastic Offence, at the following website: http://www.uwo.ca/univsec/handbook/appeals/scholastic_discipline_undergrad.pdf .