

Category (科目区分)	Cluster of Social Medicine System		
Course Title (授業科目名)	Medical English / Medical Anthropology		
Instructors (担当者名)	Donald C. Wood	Academic Year (配当年次)	1, 2
Required Course / Elective Course (必修/選択)	Elective Course	Credits (単位数)	1
Class Format (授業形態)	Lecture / Exercise		
Schedule (開講期間)	April 2026 ~ July 2026		
Class Date/Period (開講曜日・時間)	Wednesdays, 8:50-10:20 a.m. (adjustment possible, but no evenings)		

Course Outline/ Course Objectives

Course Outline: To help students learn how to write biomedical research papers in English, and to give them exposure to global health, disease, and medical issues through a firm introduction to medical anthropology. There will be some required readings and a writing assignment. Students will be required to prepare and execute a short academic presentation on the last day of class. There is no need for students to purchase a textbook. The exact contents of, and plan for, the course will be decided on the first class day, as these will depend on the students' English abilities and on their specific needs.

Course Objectives: By the end of the course, students should have a fuller understanding of the relations between culture and health, disease and healing, be better able to consider healthcare from a critical perspective, and be better prepared to present research findings in English – orally and in writing.

Course Plan

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1	Introduce/explain course, assess student levels / needs, etc.	Wood, Donald C. Associate Professor	Department of Medical Education [Research Building for Basic Medicine 128]
2	Cultural Anthropology, ethnography, culture, etc.		
3	Scientific papers in English, continued (research reports)		
4	Medical anthropology introduction (1)		
5	Scientific papers in English, continued (research reports)		
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7	Scientific papers in English, continued (research reports)		
8	Pregnancy and childbirth in Liberia (slides & film)		
9	Scientific papers in English, continued (research reports)		
10	Disease, health, and healing in different cultures		
11	Scientific papers in English, continued (research reports)		
12	Ethnographic film – Introduction with slides & watch		
13	Scientific papers in English, continued (research reports)		
14	The healing power of belief, applied medical anthropology and development		
15	Scientific papers in English – reviews, metaanalyses, etc.		
16	Global health inequalities, Paul Farmer's vision, contemporary biomedicine (USA example)		

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17	Scientific papers in English – reviews, metaanalyses, etc.	Wood, Donald C. Associate Professor	Department of Medical Education [Research Building for Basic Medicine 128]
18	Sicko, modern biomedical systems, disease in human history		
19	final exam (intro. to med. anth.) + reports due		
20	student presentations + wrap-up, endings		
Grading Criteria (成績評価の基準と方法)			
Students will be evaluated based on their grades on a series of (12) quizzes covering the on-demand portion of the course, on their participation in the regular class meetings, and on their presentations (to be given on the final day of class).			
Contact Information (問い合わせ先(氏名, メールアドレス等))			
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Comments (その他特記事項)			
Class lectures (2,4,6,8,10,12,14,16,18) will be presented in an on-demand video format.			