

Module Details for GLOBAL MENTAL HEALTH

Current Record

Module Code	PSU34810
Module Name	GLOBAL MENTAL HEALTH
Module Short Title	
ECTS weighting	5
Semester/term taught	Hilary
Contact Hours	One semester: 11 lectures; 114 hours independent study
Module Personnel	Dr. Tania Bosqui Dr. Frederique Vallieres
Learning Outcomes	<p>On successful completion of this course, students will be able to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Identify and explain competing theories in defining mental health in a global context2. Critically analyse the role of context and culture in the expression and identification of mental disorders3. Evaluate responses to global mental health needs, in terms of the effectiveness, accessibility, and validity of Mental Health and Psychosocial Support (MHPSS) interventions4. Evaluate responses to mental health care systems and policies at a national and international level5. Discuss the ethical standards of research and practice with vulnerable populations and in low resource settings
Module Learning Aims	<p>This module offers an introduction to global mental health from a critical perspective, with a particular focus on contextual constructions of mental illness, mental health programming in low resource and humanitarian settings, and for marginalised populations. The course covers global differences in definitions and incidence of psychiatric disorders, the validity and effectiveness of mental health and psychosocial support (MHPSS) interventions, and the wider role of power and inequity in shaping national mental health policies and international guidelines. The</p>

	course draws heavily on real examples from practice and research on psychological therapy, psychosocial support, and policy.
Module Content	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Disorders, diagnosis and prevalence 2. Culture, context and mental health 3. Social determinants of mental health 4. Poverty, inequality, and war 5. Child and adolescent mental health in emergencies 6. Gender and mental health in emergencies 7. Mental health and Psychosocial Support (MHPSS) 8. MHPSS Programming for humanitarian contexts 9. Integrating mental health care into health systems 10. Research and ethics for mental health 11. Policy and development agendas
Recommended Reading List	<p>Core text book: Patel, P., Minas, H., Cohen, A. & Prince, M. J. (2013). Global Mental Health: Principles and Practice. Oxford University Press. ISBN: 9780199920181.</p> <p>Additional weekly up-to-date primary reading will be assigned for each topic by the lecturer.</p>
Module Pre Requisite	
Module Co Requisite	
Assessment Details	<p>A written assignment in which the student will be asked to develop a global mental health intervention or project that tackles an identified problem or challenge in the field (such as the psychosocial distress of populations on the move, gender-based violence, or the sustainability of mental health services during humanitarian responses). The assignment will include 3 components reflecting learning outcomes 1) a critical analysis of the presenting problem, incidence and impact, 2) an evaluation of the existing-evidence-base for interventions, systems and policies and 3) recommendations for an intervention that addresses (1) and reflects (2) with consideration for humanitarian and psychological ethical principles. The assignment will be graded on a) the synthesising of up-to-date peer-reviewed literature, b) critical analysis, c) innovation, and d) theory-practice linking.</p>
Module Website	
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