

POPH90205 Social Determinants of Health

Credit Points:	12.50
Level:	9 (Graduate/Postgraduate)
Dates & Locations:	2010, Parkville This subject commences in the following study period/s: Semester 1, Parkville - Taught on campus.
Time Commitment:	Contact Hours: 24 hrs: One two hour seminar per week Total Time Commitment: 120 hours
Prerequisites:	None
Corequisites:	None
Recommended Background Knowledge:	None
Non Allowed Subjects:	None
Core Participation Requirements:	-
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Subject Overview:	This subject will provide an overview of the Australian and international empirical evidence (quantitative and qualitative) on the ways in which social, economic and cultural processes contribute to population health. Students will be introduced to life course multilevel conceptual frameworks for understanding health. The subject will examine relationships between health and gender, poverty, socio-economic position, employment and working conditions, race/ethnicity, discrimination and place.
Objectives:	At the completion of this subject, students should be able to demonstrate the ability to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> # Understand the key social and economic determinants of health # Understand the ways in which the multiple social and economic determinants intersect to shape health # Understand at an introductory level the life course multilevel conceptual models for understanding health # Understand the empirical evidence on the key social, economic and cultural processes that influence health # Critically analyse the relationship between health and gender, poverty, socio-economic position, employment and working conditions, race/ethnicity, discrimination and place.
Assessment:	One class presentation of 20 mins (equivalent of 1000 words) during semester (20%) One essay due mid-semester, 1000 words (20%) One essay due end of semester, 3000 words (60%)
Prescribed Texts:	Berkman LF, Kawachi I (eds) (2000). Social Epidemiology. Oxford: New York.
Recommended Texts:	None
Breadth Options:	This subject is not available as a breadth subject.

Fees Information:	Subject EFTSL, Level, Discipline & Census Date, http://enrolment.unimelb.edu.au/fees
Generic Skills:	Upon completion of this subject a student should be able to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"># Critically analyse relevant empirical studies and conceptual literature.# Demonstrate advanced written and oral communication skills# Demonstrate advanced skills in critical reading.
Related Course(s):	Master of Health Social Sciences Postgraduate Diploma in Health Social Sciences
Related Majors/Minors/ Specialisations:	Social Health Women's Health