Course Description and Objectives:
This course will introduce you to the sociological perspective in the study of health and illness and the U.S. medical system. It will provide the analytical and conceptual framework needed to understand that health and sickness are social, economic, political and biological phenomena. Current topics in medical sociology, health policy, and the social determinants of health will be presented.

Course Material
There are 2 required texts for this course:


* The Status Syndrome by Sir Michael Marmot

Course Requirements and Grading:
Grades will be based on
- 2 exams (1 midterm and 1 final exam)
- six in-class group assignments

Exams will be both multiple choice and short answer. Students MUST bring exam booklets to exams.

In-class assignments are unannounced group assignments based on weekly readings. Assignments will be completed in small groups and due at the end of class. The purpose of in-class assignments are to provide an opportunity to prepare for exams. There are no make-up assignments allowed.

Grades will be determined as follows:

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Course Schedule
All readings should be completed PRIOR to assigned dates.

Week 1:  
April 3rd – Marmot Intro and Chapter. 1  
April 5th – Weitz Chapters 1 & 2

Week 2:  
April 10th – Marmot Chapter 2  
April 12th – Marmot Chapter 3

Week 3:  
April 17th – Weitz Chapter 3  
April 19th – Weitz Chapter 4

Week 4:  
April 24th – Marmot Chapter 4  
April 27th – Weitz Chapter 5 & 7

Week 5:  
May 1st – Marmot Chapter 5  
May 3rd – MIDTERM

**Midterm EXAM Thursday May 3rd DON’T FORGET EXAM BOOKLET**

Week 6:  
May 8th – Marmot Chapter 6  
May 10th – Weitz Chapter 11

Week 7:  
May 15th – Marmot Chpt. 7  
May 17th – Weitz Chapter 8

Week 8:  
May 22nd – Marmot Chpt. 8  
May 24th – Weitz Chapter 9

Week 9:  
May 29th – Marmot Chpt. 9  
May 31st – Weitz Chapter 10

Week 10:  
June 5th – Marmot Chpt. 10  
June 7th – Weitz Chapter 13

**Final Exam: Tuesday June 14th, 10:15-12:05 DON’T FORGET EXAM BOOKLET**