

SOC 372: GLOBAL PUBLIC HEALTH

Course Assignments:

Public Health Issue in Context (9/21): Write a 5 page paper describing a public health problem in a particular place, paying careful attention to the proximate and distal factors of the specific context that shape the issue. From this paper, your reader should be able to quickly and easily describe the place, the problem, the people affected, and the causal argument.

Issue Comparison (10/12): Write a 5 page paper to compare & contrast the problem identified in the first paper with a similar problem in a place with different economic circumstances (for example, if you picked a problem in a resource limited setting, compare it to a resource rich setting). Argue for the most important mechanisms shaping the differences between the two places. This paper requires you to retain all the key information from the first paper, but add another case: double the content in the same space. Clarity and brevity are your allies here!

Intervention Critique (11/2): Write a 5 page paper which a) identifies and describes an existing intervention designed to address your public health issue, and b) critiques that intervention based on factors identified in class, in course readings, and through your own research.

Intervention Design and Presentation (11/27-12/7): Design an intervention to ameliorate the public health problem you have identified, and write a grant application to accomplish your goals. You will make a 15 minute presentation about your intervention, accompanied by a project description of no more than 3 pages to a review board made up of your peers.

Funding Recommendation Report (12/14): Each student will act as a review board member for a public health NGO. In a paper no more than 10 pages, provide a clear rationale, rank each project, and recommend funding for the 5 projects most likely to successfully ameliorate the targeted health issue based on your rationale.