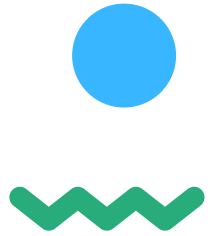


WINTER TERM

Health Care in Latin America



Required Courses:

Spanish for Health Sciences (all levels)

This is an intensive Spanish-for-specific-purposes course designed to provide students and professionals in the health field with the necessary language proficiency to enable them to work and interact with Spanish-speaking patients and their families, as well as with colleagues in a Spanish-speaking environment. Students are trained to speak fluently and develop vocabulary in the health and medical field, which will allow them to interview patients, complete patients' files, elaborate medical reports, and read texts of medical relevance effectively.

ICDS Spanish for Health Sciences language courses are taught at three levels:

1. Basic Spanish I & II
2. Intermediate Spanish I & II
3. Advanced Spanish

Health Care Systems in Latin America

This course is intended to create a unique interdisciplinary professional experience for students interested in Latin American and Caribbean health issues. Within the field of public and private health, its particular focus is on public health assessment strategies. Through this course, students will be exposed to current challenges facing Latin America and the Caribbean and thus able to reach an understanding of the way global public health issues unfold in the region.



Elective Courses: (Select 2)

Health and Vulnerable Populations in Latin America

This course provides an introduction to the social determinants of health and their impact on the health outcomes of vulnerable populations. The reasons why these populations are not vulnerable themselves, but rather how current socio-economic context makes them more vulnerable to disease compared to other populations will be discussed.

Healthcare Innovation in Latin America

Healthcare Innovation in Latin America is a unique interdisciplinary professional experience for students interested in the Journey of Innovation and its potential impact in our daily life. We are currently living in the fourth industrial revolution and having an innovative mindset is key to impact people's health significantly. This course was created with the purpose to challenge students to discover their own massive transformative purpose and to reconnect with their imagination, so that they can become agents of change in their families, at work, and in their communities.

Economics of Health Care Systems

Students will learn how the price system functions to allocate resources within the health care industry, how to frame allocation questions for decision making, how to measure benefits resulting from survival and from higher life quality, how to account for risk as a probability event in insurance, and how to account for long-term financing. The course will also familiarize students with the regulatory structure in health care and the role of government financing. Costa Rican and Latin American experiences will be the subject of discussion and evaluation throughout class.

Tropical Diseases in Latin America

Tropical medicine research holds a special place in research as it intersects with important issues of the day such as globalization and migration. It reaffirms its importance not only in tropical, developing countries, but also in non-endemic areas in the developed world. Three of the most important infectious terminal diseases in the world that significantly affect tropical areas and will be studied in this course are HIV/AIDS, tuberculosis and malaria. These pathologies, together with other important diseases, represent relevant public health problems, particularly in Africa, Asia, and Latin America.