WILMINGTON UNIVERSITY
COLLEGE OF SOCIAL AND BEHAVIORAL SCIENCES
BASIC COURSE INFORMATION

FACULTY MEMBER:       TERM:

COURSE TITLE:          Health, Society, and Culture

COURSE NUMBER:         SOC 324

OFFICE HOURS/METHOD OF CONTACT:

PREREQUISITE:          PSY 101 or SOC 101

I. COURSE DESCRIPTION:

This course explores the philosophic basis for various approaches to health and healing with emphasis placed on cultural factors and beliefs. Systems such as homeopathy, Chinese medicine, and other alternative or complementary medical approaches will be considered.

II. COURSE OBJECTIVES:

The student will be able to:

1. Define health and healing.

2. Describe various medical systems including allopathy, homeopathy, osteopathy, chiropractic, naturopathy, Chinese medicine, faith healing, psychic healing, and holistic medicine.

3. Compare and contrast the underlying beliefs that form the foundation for these various approaches to health.

4. Define quackery.

5. Describe personal experiences within varying therapeutic systems, and describe a personal view of health and healing.

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6. Explain the relationship of the mind and body to health and healing.