

PM491: INDIGENOUS TRAUMA AND THE HEALTH DISPARITIES THAT FOLLOW

This comprehensive course is designed to equip students with the knowledge, skills, and abilities to understand the many health challenges impacting Indigenous communities. Indigenous populations experience lower life expectancy, lower quality of life, and a higher prevalence of several chronic and infectious diseases compared to other populations. Students will examine the real histories of Indigenous peoples, the impacts of colonization, and current health trends impacting/contributing to societal conditions today. Using an historical evidence-based approach, this course will provide an overview of many past and present US policies, assess how they have impacted Indigenous populations, (essentially creating trauma) and link these to health disparities today. Students will be encouraged to share their unique perspectives and brainstorm solutions to improve the well-being of Indigenous peoples. This course is intended to raise awareness and support future public health leaders who become experts in promoting better health worldwide.

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Format: In-person classes held on Wednesdays from 2:00 – 4:30 pm
Room Location: Saunders Research Building, Room 1.406
Course Start Date: 1/22/25
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Prerequisites: Pre-requisites for undergraduates: PHLT 101 Introduction to Public Health or PHLT 103 Concepts of Epidemiology

Who Should Enroll: This course is designed for students committed to centering equity in their work and establishing themselves as allies for non-dominant groups. If you are passionate about social justice, this course is for you.