SPH2201 Health Of The Poor in Asia

Special Term Part 2, AY 2016/2017, 21 June to 21 July 2017

DESCRIPTION
• Five-week summer school course
• Introduces global public health
• Focus: health issues of the poor in Asia

KEY ISSUES TO BE EXPLORED
• The problem - Priority health issues which affect the poor
• The reasons - Systemic and societal factors
• The opportunities - Community, health system and policy

STRUCTURE
• 4-week classroom instruction and 7-day Field Trip
• Christian Medical College and Hospital, Vellore (CMCV), India.
  • a top-ranked medical college in India
  • reputation for both clinical and community service
  • successful health action for the poor

SYLLABUS
• Week 1 – Core Concepts in Public Health
• Week 2 – Public Health Programs; Preparation for Field Trip
• Week 3 – Field Trip to CMCV, India (7 days)
• Week 4 – Debrief and Reflection
• Week 5 – Public Health and Poverty
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DESCRIPTION
This five-week summer school course introduces students to global public health, with a focus on health issues among some of the poor in Asia. It draws upon interdisciplinary resources to understand and improve population health, facilitating understanding of health within a broad societal context.

Key issues explored by the module include the following: What are the priority health issues that dominate the global health agenda today, and which disproportionately affect the poor? What are the systemic and societal factors that determine disease burden and adverse health outcomes among this subgroup? What are the community, health system and policy levers that are available to ameliorate these disparities?

Students will receive a combination of 4-week in-class instruction and a 7-day trip to the Field Site: Christian Medical College and Hospital, Vellore (CMCV), India. CMCV is one of the top-ranked medical colleges in India, with a prestigious international reputation for both clinical and community service achievements, and demonstrates successful health action for the underprivileged.

The following items will be covered during the trip:
- Airfare
- Accommodation
- Local Transportation
- Internet access

The following items will be NOT be covered during the trip:
- Meals
- Visa application fees for entry to India
- Additional travel insurance (students will be covered under the NUS insurance)
- Shopping expenditure

Students are expected to visit their general practitioner and prepare the necessary medication for the travel to India.

SYLLABUS
Week 1 – Core Concepts in Public Health: Lectures, and student-presentation seminar.
Week 2 – Public Health Programs; Preparation for Field Trip: Lectures, and student-presentation seminar.
Week 3 – Field Trip to CMCV, India (7 days), includes lectures by CMCV’s technical staff.
Week 4 – Debrief and Reflection: Debrief, and student-presentation seminar.
Note: This is a 100% CA module, there will no final exam.