



Module Specifications..

Current Academic Year 2021 - 2022

Please note that this information is subject to change.

Module Title	Sociology of Mental Health		
Module Code	NS329		
School	38		
Module Co-ordinator	Semester 1: Sabina Stan Semester 2: Sabina Stan Autumn: Sabina Stan		
Module Teachers	Sabina Stan		
NFQ level	8	Credit Rating	5
Pre-requisite	None		
Co-requisite	None		
Compatibles	None		
Incompatibles	None		

Description

This module introduces students to sociological concepts and theories relevant to mental illness and mental healthcare. It critically explores issues such as culture and mental health, stigma and labelling, the psychiatric professions, the organisation of mental health care, and the patterning along class, gender and ethnic lines of mental health inequalities. The module seeks to foster students' sociological imagination and to assist future mental health nurses to ask socially relevant questions as well as reflect upon wider social factors influencing the care of individuals.

Learning Outcomes

1. Critically analyse sociology as a vehicle for understanding mental health
2. Critically evaluate the issues relating to the psychiatric professions and institutional and community care
3. Critically discuss the concepts of self, identity, stigma and labelling
4. Critically review the impact of culture, class, gender and ethnicity on mental health
5. Critically appraise current debates in mental health

Workload	Full-time hours per semester	
Type	Hours	Description
Lecture	24	In class lecture in-put & discussion
Directed learning	50	Reading
Directed learning	2	Seen examination paper
Independent Study	49	Coming to an understanding & development of ideas
Total Workload: 125		

All module information is indicative and subject to change. For further information, students are advised to refer to the University's Marks and Standards and Programme Specific Regulations at: <http://www.dcu.ie/registry/examinations/index.shtml>

Indicative Content and Learning Activities

Labelling

Stigma

Institutionalisation

Ethnic, gender and class inequalities in mental health

Assessment Breakdown

Continuous Assessment	100% Examination Weight	0%
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Course Work Breakdown

Type	Description	% of total	Assessment Date
Assignment	n/a	50%	n/a

Reassessment Requirement Type

Resit arrangements are explained by the following categories;
 1 = A resit is available for all components of the module
 2 = No resit is available for 100% continuous assessment module
 3 = No resit is available for the continuous assessment component

This module is category 1

Indicative Reading List

- **Anne Rogers and David Pilgrim: 2010, A sociology of mental health and illness, 2nd edition,**

Open University Press, London, 0335215831

- **Erving Goffman**,: 1963, Stigma: Notes on the Management of Spoiled Identity, Penguin Books, 0140124756
- **Erving Goffman**: 1968, Asylums: Essays in the Social Situation of Mental Patients and Other Inmates, Penguin, Harmondsworth, 0140210075

Other Resources

None

Array

Programme or List of Programmes

AFU	Age Friendly University Programme
BNPY	BSc in Nursing (Mental Health)
BSSA	Study Abroad (DCU Business School)
BSSAO	Study Abroad (DCU Business School)
ECSA	Study Abroad (Engineering & Computing)
ECSAO	Study Abroad (Engineering & Computing)
HMSA	Study Abroad (Humanities & Soc Science)
HMSAO	Study Abroad (Humanities & Soc Science)
IESA	Study Abroad (Institute of Education)
IESAO	Study Abroad (Institute of Education)
SHSA	Study Abroad (Science & Health)
SHSAO	Study Abroad (Science & Health)

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