

PUBH 1006 POPULATION HEALTH AND SOCIETY

Credit Points 10

Legacy Code 400870

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Description This subject will provide you with foundational concepts and factors relating to population health in our society. The social and environmental determinants of health will be introduced and their roles toward disease, health and wellbeing will be explored. The Australian health care system will be compared with alternative models to examine strengths and challenges in advancing population health.

School Health Sciences

Discipline Public Health

Student Contribution Band HECS Band 2 10cp

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Level Undergraduate Level 1 subject

Equivalent Subjects PUBH 1007 - Population Health and Society (WSTC)

Learning Outcomes

On successful completion of this subject, students should be able to:

1. Identify social and environmental factors that determine health and illness across the lifespan
2. Outline the relationship between social, environmental and biological determinants and inequitable health outcomes
3. Compare the advantages and disadvantages of Australian and other health systems
4. Identify and reflect on personal health risk factors
5. Communicate effectively about population health issues in both a written and oral format

Subject Content

1. Global, national and regional patterns in the distribution of health, wellbeing, and illness
2. Models of health and health systems
3. Structure and organisation of the Australian health system
4. Social determinants of health (e.g., socioeconomic status, gender, location and culture)
5. Environmental determinants of health (e.g., built environment and climate change)
6. Biological and behavioural determinants of health
7. Trends in communicable and non-communicable diseases
8. Causes and solutions for local and global health inequity
9. Emerging trends and issues in the provision of health care and notion of wellbeing
6. Biological determinants of health (e.g., sex, age and genetics)
7. Role of social factors and inequity for communicable diseases and non-communicable disease
8. Causes of health inequities locally and globally

Assessment

The following table summarises the standard assessment tasks for this subject. Please note this is a guide only. Assessment tasks are regularly updated, where there is a difference your Learning Guide takes precedence.

Type	Length	Percent	Threshold	Individual/ Group Task	Mandatory
Essay	600 words	25	N	Individual	N
Report	1,000 words	35	N	Individual	N
Final Exam	120 minutes	40	N	Individual	N

Prescribed Texts

- Keleher, H., & MacDougall, C. (2014). Understanding Health, 4th ed. South Melbourne, VIC: Oxford University Press.

Teaching Periods

Autumn (2025)

Campbelltown

On-site

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Penrith (Kingswood)

On-site

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Sydney City Campus - Term 1 (2025)

Sydney City

On-site

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