

FYAN - First-Year Seminar ANTH

Courses numbered 100 to 299 = *lower-division*; 300 to 499 = *upper-division*; 500 to 799 = *undergraduate/graduate*.

FYAN 102AC. First-Year Seminar: Culture, Health and Medicine (3).

General education social and behavioral sciences course. Provides an overview of the intersection where health, culture and political-economic power meet. It requires that students consider not only intellectually challenging materials on health and illness cross-culturally, but that they interrogate their own personal and social beliefs about bodies and the causes and responses to their vulnerabilities, as well. Medical anthropology analyzes the relations among health, illness, social institutions and cultural representations. Students pay particular attention to the ways that medical knowledge is created, disseminated and practiced in everyday life and how this affects local experiences and standards of what it means to be sick, alive, healthy or productive. Topics covered include disease classifications and categorizations; healing systems, including biomedicine; theories of body, illness and mind; the meanings and effects of new medical technologies; drug addiction; and how inequalities in health care or standards for quality of life are created and maintained. First-Year Seminars do not meet a divisional requirement in the pre-Fall 2024 WSU General Education program, and can only be used in Bucket 7 for General Education starting Fall 2024.