

**Collegium V Honors Reading Tutorial:  
Medicine, Politics, and Philosophy I  
HONS 3199  
Spring 2016**

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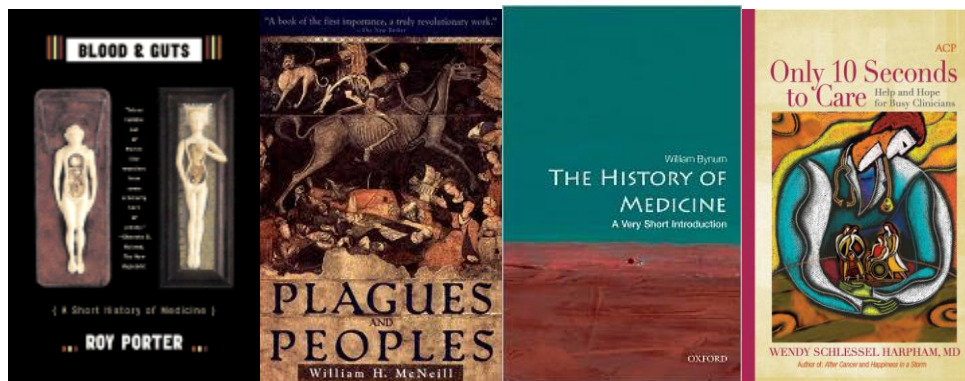
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GC 2.204

Class time: M 12:00-12:50

Location: GC 1.208b

Office Hours: M 1:00-2:00 and by appointment



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**Course Pre-requisites, Co-requisites, and/or Other Restrictions: none. This is a Collegium V Honors Course and requires permission of the instructor to enroll.**

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**Course Description:** This honors readings course will involve a close reading of a select group of texts related to medicine, politics and philosophy.

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**Student Learning Objectives/Outcomes:** Upon completing the class, students will be able to

- 1) Identify a number of different genres of literature related to the field of medicine.
- 2) Explain different ways in which historians have conceptualized the history of medicine as a profession.
- 3) Describe the role that microorganisms have played in human history and various social and political responses to disease in the delivery of medical care.
- 4) Describe the role that modern science and technology have played in redefining the practice of medicine over the past 300 years.
- 5) Identify the major philosophical, clinical, and practical problems facing medical practitioners in medicine in the 21<sup>st</sup> century as they attempt to empower patients in their own healthcare.

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**Required Textbooks and Materials:**

Roy Porter: *Blood and Guts: A History of Medicine*

William McNeill: *Plagues and Peoples*

William Bynum: *The History of Medicine: A Very Short History*

Wendy S. Harpham: *Only 10 Seconds to Care*

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**Assignments & Academic Calendar**

**January 11: Introduction**

**Roy Porter's *Blood and Guts: A Short History of Medicine***

**January 25: read Porter Chapters 1-3**

**February 1: read Porter Chapters 4-6**

**February 8: read Porter Chapters 7-8**

**William H. McNeill's *Plagues and Peoples***

**February 15: McNeill Introduction, Chapters 1-3**

**February 22: McNeill Chapters 4, 5**

**February 29: McNeill Chapter 6**

**March 7: First essay due****William Bynum's *The History of Medicine***

**March 7: Bynum Introduction, Chapter 1-2**

**March 21: Bynum Chapters 3-4**

**March 28: Bynum Chapters 5-6**

## **Wendy Schlessel Harpham: *Only 10 Seconds to Care***

**April 4: Harpham Chapter 1**

**April 11: Harpham Chapter 2**

**April 18: Harpham Chapter 3**

**April 25: Harpham Chapters 4 and 5.**

## **April 29: Second Essay due**

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### **Grading Policy:**

Students are expected to come to class prepared to discuss the material. In-class participation is worth 10% of the final grade. Students are allowed one unexcused absence and are expected to make up material missed in the course. Students are expected to lead 2 classroom discussions over the course of the semester. Students are also required to write two short 5-page review essays based upon a prompt assigned in class. Each essay is worth 45% of the final grade. Students may revise the first exam if they are not satisfied with the initial grade. No revised papers will be accepted after the last day of classes. Students are allowed one unexcused absence. Additional unexcused absences will result in penalty of 3% of the final grade per absence.

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### **Course & Instructor Policies**

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*The descriptions and timelines contained in this syllabus are subject to change at the discretion of the Professor.*