Native Americans experience significant disparities in health and in access to health care. This course introduces students to Native American health by exploring the social, cultural, political, and environmental determinants influencing Native health both historically and today. This course is a reading intensive, discussion-based seminar, drawing upon research and contributions from a variety of disciplines including anthropology, sociology, history, American Indian studies, population and public health, and medicine. Some seminar topics will include Native medicine, infectious diseases and the Columbian Exchange, Federal obligations to Native communities, substance abuse, intergenerational/historic trauma, environmental health, and indigenous health globally.

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