

# AP/SOSC2110: A Critical Study of Health and Society

Fall/Winter 2011-2012

## JOURNAL ASSIGNMENT:

Please purchase a binder suitable for journal writing where the pages can be removed, handed in and then reinserted when they are returned. If your handwriting will present a challenge to your hard-working teaching assistant or course director, then type-written script would be greatly appreciated.

Academic knowledge and insights gained through study have a much more profound effect if students are able to make a connection between classroom material and their own lives. The goal of this journal is the help you do this, exploring links between the material which we will cover in the university world of lectures, film, class exercises, readings and tutorials and your world of home, work, community and family.

Your journal writing should be based on ideas presented in lectures, tutorials and group-work, in readings and in videos. However, please note that you are not meant to merely summarize readings or lectures. Instead, **your journal is meant to be a forum for you to make connections between ideas presented in the course and what you see around you** – i.e. health issues faced by your family and friends and people in your community, articles you read in the newspaper or hear about on the radio, responses to films you see or music you hear. **You may also use your journal to work through your reaction to ideas and information presented in 2110**, debating abortion rights or discussing childbirth for example.

You are not required to write in your journal on a regular weekly basis, but rather to submit 1-1 ½ pages of typed text to cover each of the ‘blocks’ of lectures outlined below. You will note that journals are due the week following the end of each ‘block’. These journals will not be graded but marked as completed and then returned the following week. At the end of the year you will be required to write a short paper based on your journal entries which will be graded.

**Block #1: Journal for Weeks 2-4 ..... due October 6<sup>th</sup>**

**Block #2: Journal for Weeks 5-9..... due November 17<sup>th</sup>**

**Block #3: Journal for Weeks 10-13..... due January 12<sup>th</sup>**

**Block #4: Journal for Weeks 14-18..... due February 9<sup>th</sup>**

**Block #5: Journal for Weeks 19-23..... due March 22<sup>nd</sup>**

(\* hand in Block #5 Journal along with journal assignment)