

French 211: Doctors without Borders

(Médecins Sans Frontières)

Global Health, Social Justice, and Humanitarian Action



Fall 2021

Tuesday & Thursday: 2:30-3:45

No pre-requisite. Designation: Breadth-Literature.

Counts towards the Humanities requirement and the French Major

This course, taught in English, and based on the history and work of the French/International organization “Médecins Sans Frontières” (MSF), or Doctors without Borders, will provide an overview of MSF (and some other NGOs) working in health crisis situations, including its history, mission, organization, internal management, political, and ethical challenges. Students will have a chance to interact with several guest lecturers from the Global Health Institute, an MSF representative, an Ambassador, formerly with the Gates Foundation, a global health reporter, and other scholars and practitioners with experience in global health and humanitarian crisis situations. We will read *The Plague* by existentialist writer Albert Camus, and analyze several French essays and works of fiction in relation to global medical humanitarian work. This class will be of high interest to students in the health sciences and international affairs.

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Course credits: 3 units

French 211 is a French Interdisciplinary Studies course taught in English