COURSE ORGANIZATION

The seminar is designed to introduce graduate students in history and in public health to the social history of medicine. The particular focus will be on the idea and practice of medicine as a profession, with frequent reference to sociological concepts and to the American experience in the 19th and 20th century.

Requirements for the course include reading, intensive class discussions, and one seminar paper (due early December). Students will also be responsible for making short, opening presentations.

Readings from primary sources and articles are on reserve at the History department (4th floor, Fayerweather), in Butler Library, and in Hammer Library (168th Street). All places provide easy access to photocopy machines. Course packs are available for purchase at the Village Copier (112th Street and Broadway).

Books that have been ordered for the course are: Charles Bosk, Forgive and Remember; Michel Foucault, The Birth of the Clinic; Elliot Friedson, Professionalism: The Third Logic; Kenneth M. Ludmerer, Time to Heal; and David J. Rothman, Strangers at the Bedside. They are available at the Columbia University bookstore.
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I. THE CONCEPT OF PROFESSIONALISM


II. MEDICINE AS A PROFESSION

1. General Overviews of the American Experience


2. Training to the Profession

3. Regulating Medicine


4. Medicine and the Marketplace


5. **Women as Doctors**


6. **Health Care and the State**


7. **Technology and the Doctor-Patient Relationship**


