

# Women's Health in Global Perspective

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This course draws on anthropological, ethnographic, and cross-cultural approaches to examine issues relating to gender, health, illness, disease, and the body. We will explore important issues in women's health in a variety of sociocultural contexts, paying attention to the sociocultural and embodied effects of racism, sexism, poverty, ableism, homophobia, transphobia, and colonialism. We will begin by engaging with feminist and anthropological theoretical approaches to understanding gender, race, the body, and globalization in order to unsettle assumptions about the apparent meanings of concepts such as "woman," "health," and "global." Next, we will apply these theoretical insights to a variety of important women's health issues around the world while simultaneously focusing on various stages of life from birth to death. We will finish the course by reading an ethnography that draws together important themes and topics from the course.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to email the instructor.