**Course Description**

**Goals**

Using English as the means of communication, students will be exposed to some of the important issues of the medical profession and medical culture. In addition, students will discover, discuss, and present their own ideas on various topics, which may include issues of global concern, health, society, the environment, and the humanities.

**Objectives**

After completion of the course you will:
1) Improve your understanding of medicine, health, and quality of life issues
2) Be able to discuss these issues in English
3) Improve your comfort level of using English in a group setting

**Topics & Formats**

Different teachers use various topics and formats. Most teachers have some form of reading assignments, for example handouts or webpages, but all strive for an interactive environment. Some teachers incorporate student presentations, written assignments, films, and/or debates as the basis to stimulate student discussions. Students’ personal opinions on some issues are very important, as are the abilities to consider and verbally express an objective viewpoint. This class represents a unique opportunity for each student to improve her/his English skills, especially listening and speaking, in order to increase one’s level of confidence and abilities.

**Grading Criteria**

Student evaluation is based on:
1) Student attendance and punctuality: 20%
2) Student attention and verbal participation: 30%
   - High amount of participation (~30%)
   - Medium (~20%)
   - Low (~10%)
   - None (0)
3) Performance on quizzes, projects, and/or assignments: 50%