



CENTRE FOR BIOETHICS AND HUMANITIES

History of Medicine in Malaysia
MPU 3392
(2 credits)

Semester 3

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Module Guide

TITLE: HISTORY OF MEDICINE IN MALAYSIA

COURSE CODE: MPU 3392

LEVEL: SEM 3

PROGRAMME: MEDICINE AND DENTISTRY

CONTENT SYNOPSIS

This module studies the institutions of medical care that surround us today and traces their origin to examine their relevance to society today. Students will hear the stories of significant lives that shaped the course of development of medicine in Malaysia. The milestones of progress for each topic will be outlined, and students can discern the triggers for change and the ripple effects of events and be able to ponder the possibilities for the future.

OBJECTIVES:

The objectives of this module are to introduce students to:

1. The heritage of medicine in Malaysia
2. the relevance of the institutions for health care in Malaysia
3. The events and people that have shaped the development of medicine in Malaysia
4. the social and economic dynamics that continue to shape society today and
5. Services in various health sectors in which they will participate to impact society positively

LEARNING OUTCOMES:

On completion of this module, students should be able to:

CLO1: Identify the major forces that have shaped the current practice of medicine in Malaysia

CLO2: Critically examine current developments in medicine and Malaysia

CLO3: Generate personal responses to the issues discussed

CLO4: Compare the issues raised with their life experiences, values, beliefs and expectations

CLO5: Evaluate and respond to current affairs on health in Malaysia

LEARNING HOURS

CONTACT HOURS:

Lectures	9 hours
Tutorial	9 hours
Small group discussion	1 hours
Group Presentation	1 hour

TOTAL CONTACT HOURS 20 hours

TEACHING AND LEARNING METHODS:

Lectures	9 hours
Tutorial	9 hours
Small group discussion	1 hours
Group Presentation	1 hour
Written assignment	20 hours
Written Examination	1.5 hours
Independent Learning	38.5 hours

TOTAL LEARNING HOURS 80 hours

ASSESSMENTS

SUMMATIVE ASSESSMENT

Continuous Assessment

Written assignment 30%

Students are to write two essays of not less than 500 words each by applying research and analytical skills.

Group Project 30%

Students will work in small groups to present a seminar of 30 minutes each.

In-Course-Examination

Written Examination 40%

The written examination is for 1 hour and 30 minutes. The paper consists of 40 multiple choice questions.

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LECTURER:

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SYLLABUS:

1. The role of the doctor (*i-Lecture – 1 hr, Tutorial – 1 hr*)
 - a. History of medicine in Malaysia
 - b. Professional attitudes
 - c. Development of the role of doctors
2. The History of Medical Education (*i-Lecture – 1 hr, Tutorial – 1 hr*)
 - a. Role of Britain in medical services
 - b. Development of medical colleges in Malaysia
3. Traditional Orang Asli, Pribumi, Malay, Chinese and Indian medicine (*i-Lecture – 1 hr, Tutorial – 1 hr*)
 - a. Difference forms of traditional medicine
 - b. Significance of these ideas and beliefs
4. The development of our medical services (*i-Lecture – 1 hr, Tutorial – 1 hr*)
 - a. History of development of hospitals in Malaysia
 - b. Systems of health centres
5. The History of Private Practice in Malaysia (*i-Lecture – 1 hr, Tutorial – 1 hr*)
 - a. History of private practice in Malaysia
 - b. Modern day developments
6. The history of Medical Societies (*i-Lecture – 1 hr, Tutorial – 1 hr*)
 - a. Formation of medical associations and their roles
7. Major Innovative Discoveries – The value of the innovative mind (*i-Lecture – 1 hr, Tutorial – 1 hr*)
 - a. Significant breakthroughs
 - b. Qualities of innovative mind
8. Foundations for Breakthroughs – The value of the Meticulous mind (*i-Lecture – 1 hr, Tutorial – 1 hr*)
 - a. Significance of research
 - b. Qualities of the meticulous mind
9. The History of allied health professionals (*i-Lecture – 1 hr, Tutorial – 1 hr*)
 - a. Inter-professional learning – the role of supporting professionals in the hospital
 - b. Dentistry
 - c. Medical Assistants
 - d. Pharmacists
 - e. Nurses

10. The History of various specialties (*i-Lecture – 1 hr, Tutorial – 1 hr*)
 - a. Diverse forms of specializations
 - b. Development in Malaysia

ATTENDANCE RELATED REQUIREMENTS

This module has a total of 10 sessions for teaching and learning. Students must fulfill 75% attendance or be at risk of failing the module.

READING LIST:

1. Lim KG. The History of Medicine and Health in Malaysia. 2016; ISBN 978-983-40800-1-3
2. Muzzafar Desmond Tate. History of Medicine in Malaysia The Foundation Years. Academy of Medicine. 2005; ISBN 983-42851-0-8
3. Selvarajah S and Khoo KK(Eds). History of Medicine in Malaysia Vol II. The Development of Medical and Health Services. Academy of Sciences of Malaysia. ISBN 978-983-42545-1-3