DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY UNIVERSITY of WASHINGTON

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HSTCMP 111 History of Pandemics

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Tuesday & Thursday 12:00-2:10pm

This course will learn about the social, cultural, and environmental dimensions of global pandemics from medieval plague to modern COVID-19. In addition to learning about the various biological and environmental factors that shape pandemics, students will explore the history of medical ideas and knowledge creation, the deep connection between colonialism, disease, and the emergence of public health, and different cultural responses to public health measures across time and in different local contexts. Moreover, students will be encouraged throughout the course to historically contextualize their own experiences as we continue to navigate our current pandemics. This course is an excellent fit for those interested in learning more about the history of disease and medicine, as well as students in public health, medical anthropology, or any adjacent field. (I&S)

