This course provides a description and analysis of the growing use of complementary and alternative medicine (CAM) by both clients and health care providers in the United States.

**Texts:**

1. COURSE READER available at Course Reader Material in Westwood.

**Evaluation:**

Each student will write a paper on a topic of his or her choosing—within the substantive concerns of the course. Papers can be conceptual evaluations of some body of literature, original data analyses, or an empirical overview of developments within a particular group of practitioners or modality of care. ALL TOPICS MUST BE SELECTED AND APPROVED BY October 20th. SUBMIT YOUR INITIAL IDEAS IN WRITING/EMAIL, PRIOR TO THAT DATE.

Completed papers are due on December 1st. Be prepared to present a 10 minute precis of your work to the class during the last class sessions or during final exam week depending on the class size.

IN ADDITION, a critical analysis of some aspect of the course readings will be the subject of a final take home essay, which will be distributed on December 1st. The essay will be due by December 8th.
CLASS OUTLINE—ALL READING IS REQUIRED

1. September 29th: INTRODUCTION TO THE COURSE

2. October 6th: INTEREST IN CAM: WHY NOW?

3. October 13th: THE CORE BELIEFS OF CAM
4. October 20th: CORE BELIEFS–A CRITICAL POINT OF VIEW

a) Marcus DM. “Integrative Medicine is a Trojan Horse.” ARCHIVES OF INTERNAL MEDICINE 162: 2381-2383, 2002.


5. October 27th: CAM AND SPIRITUALITY


e) Harris, W.S., et.al. 1999. A Randomized Controlled Trial of the Effects of Intercessory Prayer on Outcomes in Patients Admitted to the Coronary Care Unit. ARCHIVES OF INTERNAL MEDICINE 159: 2273-78.

6. November 3rd: THE INTEGRATION OF ALTERNATIVE AND CONVENTIONAL MEDICINE.


[NO CLASS NOVEMBER 10TH APHA MEETING]

7. November 17th: THE POLITICAL ECONOMY OF CAM


   b) FINAL REPORT OF THE WHITE HOUSE COMMISSION ON CAM POLICY. Ch. 7, pp.105-23 (“Coverage and Reimbursement”), 2002.


   e) Weeks J. Comments from the “Integrator Blog.”
       Acupuncture Unity 1/21/07
       The Maturation of CAM Professions and Yoga Therapy 12/19/06
       The Role of Primary Care Chiropractors 6/13/07
       The FDA’s Guidance on CAM 4/18/07
       Obama’s Comments on Acupuncture and CAM 6/17/09
8. November 24th: THE FUTURE OF CAM: NARRATIVES OF HEALTH AND ILLNESS


   c) Groopman, J. 1998. Dr. Fair’s Tumor. THE NEW YORKER October, 26th: 78-106.


9. December 1st: STUDENT PRESENTATIONS (with option of additional presentations during final exam week if needed due to class size.)