

DEPARTMENT OF ANTHROPOLOGY

ANTH303B

THE CAPITALIST LIVES OF
PHARMACEUTICALS

TERM 1: TUES/THURS 14:00 -15:30

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How does it come to be that the majority of people in the world, living in the Global South, die prematurely, preventably, and painfully, even though the drugs they require exist, and in some cases, have existed for decades?

These are stories of capitalism, but not just—national regulatory and legal structures also figure centrally. This course will explore such questions as how people have differential access to drugs, drug safety, and how medicines shape perceptions of ourselves.



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