

Spring 2014

Economics 450
Health Economics: Problems and Policy

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Gardner 200F

The format of the class sessions will be lecture/seminar, i.e. some lecture but an attempt to discuss materials less formally as a group. Reading of assigned material before class is a necessity because of the discussion emphasis.

Exams: 2 midterms and a final, probably multiple choice questions.

Grade: Each midterm exam 25%

Final exam (Friday, May 2, 8:00 am) 35%

Up to 15% of the grade will be based on class participation and other assignments and projects, including the group presentations. After the second exam all classes except the last will be organized as group presentations (seven sessions). Two days of class time will be set aside for group work sessions, to allow you added time to work as a group. You will be asked to turn in evaluations of the other members of your group after your group presentation.. There will be no makeup midterm exams; with an excused absence the student will have the other exam components increased in value (to 35% for the midterm and 50% for the final, if one exam missed).

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Text: The Economics of Health and Health Care, 7th edition, by Folland, Goodman and Stano.

January 9	*****	Background, etc.
January 14 ;16	Ch. 1; Introduction	Ch. 2; Micro Tools
January 21 ;23	Ch. 2; Micro Tools	Ch. 3; Stat. Tools
January 28;30	Ch. 4; Cost/Benefit	Ch. 5; Production of Health
February 4 ;6	Ch. 6; Production, Cost and Technology of Health Care	Review Day
February 11;13	1 st Exam (bring Scantron sheet)	Ch. 7; Capital Demand
February 18;20	Ch.8; Demand & Supply of H. Insurance	Health Insurance:Principles and Practice (video) and Ch. 11 Health Insurance Markets
February 25; 27	Ch. 11 Health Insurance Markets and Tanzania Community Health Fund (video)	Ch. 10 and 15; Asymmetric Info. and Agency and The Physician's Practice(SID
March 4 ; 6	Ch. 9; Consumer Demand	Ch. 18; Equity, Efficiency and Need
March 11 ; 13	Spring Break	Spring Break
March 18; 20	Review Day	2 nd Exam (bring scantron)
March 25; 27	Group Work Day	Group Work Day
April 1; 3	Ch. 12; Managed Care (Group Presentation)	Ch. 17; The Pharmaceutical Industry (Group Presentation)
April 8; 10	Ch. 19; Government Intervention (Group Presentation)	Ch. 20; Government Regulation (Group Presentation)
April 15; 17	Ch. 21; Social Insurance (Group Presentation)	Ch. 22; Comparative Systems (Group Presentation)
April 15; 17	Ch. 25; Epidemiology and AIDS (Group Presentation)	Ch. 23; Health Sector Reform and Review Session