

Spring 2013

Economics 450
Health Economics: Problems and Policy

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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 30%

Final exam (Tuesday, May 7; 8:00 am) 40%

There will be no makeup midterm exams; with an excused absence the student will have the other exam components increased in value (to 40% for the midterm and 60% for the final, if one exam missed).

I reserve the right to make changes to this syllabus, if necessary, including due dates and test dates. Any such changes will be announced as soon as possible. One possible change would be to add some points for class participation and possible group projects and short quizzes.

My office hours are Tuesday 2:00 to 3:00 pm or by appointment.. My phone is 843-9452 and the email is john_akin@unc.edu.

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

January 10	XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX	Background, etc.
January 15 ; 17	Ch. 1; Introduction	Ch. 2; Micro Tools
January 22 ; 24	Ch. 2; Micro Tools	Ch. 3; Stat. Tools
January 29; 31	Ch. 4; Cost/Benefit	Ch. 4; Cost/Benefit
February 5; 7	Ch. 5; Production of Health	Ch. 6; Production, Cost and Technology of Health Care
February 12;14	Review (no formal class meeting)	1 st Exam (bring Scantron sheet)
February 19;21	Ch. 7; Capital Demand	Ch.8; Demand & Supply of H. Insurance.
February 26; 28	Ch. 11; Health Insurance Markets	Insurance Videos
March 5; 7	Ch. 10 and 15; Asymmetric Info. and Agency and The Physician's Practice(SID)	Ch. 9; Consumer Demand
March 12; 14	Spring Break	Spring Break
March 19; 21	Ch. 12; Managed Care	Ch. 17; The Pharmaceutical Industry
March 26; 28	Review (no formal class meeting)	2nd Exam (bring Scantron sheet)
April 2; 4	Ch 18; Equity, Efficiency and Need	Ch. 19; Government Intervention
April 9; 11	Ch. 19; Government Intervention	Ch. 21; Social Insurance
April 16; 18	Ch. 22; Comparative Systems	Ch. 22; Comparative Systems
April 23; 25	Ch. 23; Health System Reform	Ch. 23; Health System Reform