Global Learning Initiative Course Information

* Course Syllabus (in English)

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| Course Name | Health Policy |
| Lecturer(s) | Shun-Wen Wu |
| Course Description | This course will discuss historical and current health policy issues and their impacts. The course topics cover private and public health care systems (such as the health insurance systems in the U.S. and Taiwan), global health issues, health care reforms (such as the Affordable Care Act), long term care systems, health behaviors and conditions (including obesity, prescription drug abuse, smoking, drinking, and other risky health behaviors), and the impact of environment on health.  Many of the readings analyze policies from statistical and economic perspectives. Therefore, students will be introduced to health economic concepts based on the readings. This course will also discuss health policy issues in class, such as why we should care about the uninsured or the financial issues of health care systems. After taking the course, students will not only be introduced health policy concepts but will learn how to conduct a health policy research after finishing their term paper. |
| Course Requirements  (if any) |  |
| Course Objectives | By the end of the course, students will:  • have developed a good understanding of the health care systems in different countries;  • be familiar with health behaviors and health policy issues;  • conduct research on health policy in a term paper. |
| Reading list  (if any) | Textbooks  • Feldstein, P.J. (2019). Health Policy Issues: An Economic Perspective (Seventh Edition). Health Administration Press.  •Porche, D. J. (2019). Health Policy – Application for Nurses and Other Healthcare Professionals (2nd ed.). Burlington, MA: Jones & Bartlett Learning.  Weekly Readings:  Gruber, J. (2008). Covering the Uninsured in the United States. Journal of Economic Literature, 46(3): 571-606.  Obama, B. (2016). United States Health Care Reform Progress to Date and Next Steps. JAMA, 316(5): 525-532.  Floyd K., Glaziou P., Zumla, A., & Raviglione, M. (2018). The Global Tuberculosis Epidemic - Progress in Patient Care, Prevention and Control Efforts in Year Three of the ‘End TB Era’. The Lancet Respiratory Medicine, 6(4): 299-314  Lu, J. F. R. & Hsiao, W. C. (2003) Does Universal Health Insurance Make Health Care Unaffordable? Lessons from Taiwan. Health Affairs, 22(3): 77-88.  Chen, B., & Fan, V.Y.(2015). Strategic Provider Behavior Under Global Budget Payment with Price Adjustment in Taiwan. Health Economics, 24: 1422-1436.  Yeh, M.J. (2019). Long-term care system in Taiwan: the 2017 major reform and its challenges. Aging & Society, 1-18.  Hornik, R., Kikut, A., Jesch, E., Woko, C., Siegel, L., & Kim, K. \*(2021). Association of Covid-19 Misinformation with face mask wearing and social distancing in a nationally representative US sample. Health Communication, 36(1): 6-14.  Simon, K., Soni, A. & Cawley, J. (2017) The Impact of Health Insurance on Preventive Care and Health Behaviors: Evidence from the First Two Years of the ACA Medicaid Expansions. Journal of Policy Analysis & Management, 36(2): 390-417  Yuan, T. H., Shen, Y. C., Shie, R. H., Hung, S. H., Chen, C. F., Chan, C. C. (2018). Increased cancers among residents living in the neighborhood of a petrochemical complex: A 12-year retrospective cohort study. International Journal of Hygiene and Environmental Health, 221(2): 308-314.  Bagley, N., Berger, B., Chandra, A., Garthwaite, C., & Stern, A.D. (2019). The Orphan Drug Act at 35: Observations and an Outlook for the Twenty-First Century. Innovation Policy and the Economy, 19: 97-137. |
| Grading Criteria | Class Participation 10%  Reading Memos 15%  Individual Presentations 15%  Midterm Exam 25%  Research Project 35%  ---------------------------------------  Total points 100% |

* Course Schedule (in English)

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| Week | Date (MM/DD) | Course Topic | Lecturer |
| Week 1 | 2/17 | Course Introduction |  |
| Week 2 | 2/24 | Health policy overview |  |
| Week 3 | 3/3 | The health care system in the U.S. – health insurance |  |
| Week 4 | 3/10 | The health care system in the U.S. – the health care reform |  |
| Week 5 | 3/17 | Global health |  |
| Week 6 | 3/24 | The health care system in Taiwan – the national health insurance |  |
| Week 7 | 3/31 | The health care system in Taiwan - the global budget system |  |
| Week 8 | 4/7 | Long-term care |  |
| Week 9 | 4/14 | Mid-term exam |  |
| Week 10 | 4/21 | Health behavior and the consequent condition – obesity and risk health behaviors |  |
| Week 11 | 4/28 | Heath behavior – smoking and drinking |  |
| Week 12 | 5/5 | Prescription Drug |  |
| Week 13 | 5/12 | Environmental health |  |
| Week 14 | 5/19 | TBD |  |
| Week 15 | 5/26 | Final Project (oral) |  |
| Week 16 | 6/2 | Final Project (written) |  |
| Week 17 | 6/9 | Winter break |  |
| Week 18 | 6/16 | Winter break |  |