

Economics 399 Syllabus

Health Economics

Fall 2014

TR 4:00-5:20 CHAP 207

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Course Description: Health economics is an active field of economics with a rapidly expanding literature. This course is designed to provide you with an introduction to health markets in the United States and around the world. The emphasis will be on the key economic concepts that economists use to analyze health care markets. We will then apply these concepts to current issues in health policy including the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act.

Course Text: The textbook for this course is Health Economics: Theory, Insights, and Industry Studies - 6th edition by Rexford E. Santerre and Stephen P. Neun. The ISBN number is 978-1-111-82272-9.

Office Hours: My office hours are specific times set aside for you. You are welcome to stop in during these times to ask questions or discuss any materials from the course. If you cannot make my office hours, please e-mail me and we can set up an appointment.

Blackboard: Blackboard contains the syllabus, homework, etc. Regular announcements are posted on blackboard. Students are strongly encouraged to check the announcements regularly. E-mails may also be used to communicate with the class. Your official university address as listed on Blackboard will be used.

Grading: Final grades will be based on your homework and exam scores. The final will be given only at its stated time. Your final course grade will be determined as follows:

25% - Homework
20% - Midterm 1
20% - Midterm 2
35% - Final

Tests: There will be two midterms and one final in this class. In the case of a missed midterm due to unanticipated emergency situations, the student will be allowed to put the weight of the missed exam on the final exam, provided notification is received as soon as possible and there is verification of the emergency. Do not take this class if you already know you cannot make one of the scheduled exams. **Only a writing utensil, eraser, and calculator that does not have graphing or programming capabilities will be allowed during tests.** If you have questions about whether your calculator is acceptable contact me before the test date.

Academic Dishonesty Policy: Academic dishonesty (from plagiarizing work to cheating on exams) will not be tolerated. Please acquaint yourself with the Student Conduct Code, which is published in the *Schedule of Classes* each term.

Students with Disabilities: If you have a documented disability and anticipate needing accommodations in this course, please make arrangements with me during the first week of the term. Please request that the counselor for students with disabilities (164 Oregon Hall) send me a letter verifying your disability.

Important Dates

October 14	Homework 1 Due
October 21	Homework 2 Due
October 23	Midterm #1
November 4	Homework 3 Due
November 11	Homework 4 Due
November 18	Midterm #2
November 25	Homework 5 Due
December 9 (12:30 – 2:30)	Final

Outline of Course Material:

The following is a *tentative* schedule. It is subject to change throughout the term.

Week	Topic Reading
Sept. 30 – Oct. 2	Chapters 1 & 2
Oct. 7 – Oct. 9	Chapter 3
Oct. 14 – Oct. 16	Chapter 4
Oct. 21 – Oct. 23	Chapter 4
Oct. 28 – Oct. 30	Chapter 5
Nov. 4 – Nov. 6	Chapter 6
Nov. 11 – Nov. 13	Chapter 7
Nov. 18 – Nov. 20	Chapter 8
Nov. 25 – Nov. 27	Chapter 9
Dec. 2 – Dec. 4	Chapter 16
December 9 (12:30 – 2:30)	Final