

Course	HLTH 5120: Health Policy Issues
Term	Fall 2008
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Catalog Description	The student examines significant health policy issues. Special emphasis is given to public policies with broad implications, such as Medicare, Medicaid, health insurance reform, and health system costs. The policy decision-making process is explored and methods and approaches for the study of policy issues are considered. American health policy issues are placed in the international context by comparison with selected other health systems.
Prerequisites	HLTH 5000 is a prerequisite for all other courses in the program. Normally, it would be expected that a student would complete HLTH 5000 before taking HLTH 5120. However, it is possible, although not desirable, to take HLTH 5120 before HLTH 5000.
Course Level Learning Outcomes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The student will explain the historical context that led to the development of Medicare and Medicaid • The student will be able to articulate the major policy elements of the Medicare and Medicaid programs as they are currently designed • The student will be able to discuss the major policy design approaches proposed to address problems related to Medicare, Medicaid, health insurance reform and health system costs. <p>The student will develop an awareness of their own conceptual framework related to the development, adoption, and implementation of public policy in the health arena.</p>
Materials	Required textbook <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <u>Health Politics and Policy 4th Edition</u> James A. Marone, Theodor J. Litman, Leonard S., Robins, Delmar Publishers (4th Edition 2000, ISBN 9-7814180-1428-5
Grading	Evaluation Students will have three papers each counting for 20 % of the course grade. Students will also have a midterm exam (30%) and a final presentation will count for 10% of the grade. Grading Scale: South Carolina regional scale will be used.

	<p>A 96-100 A- 90-95 B+ 87-89 B 84-86 B- 80-83 C 70-79 F 0-69</p> <p>The GRADUATE catalog provides these guidelines and grading options for graduate business degrees:</p> <p>Grades in the program are A, A-, B+, B, B-, C, F, I, ZF, and W. Grades reflect the following standards:</p> <p>A/A- Superior Graduate work B+/B/B- Satisfactory Graduate work C Work that is barely adequate as graduate-level performance F Work that is unsatisfactory I Incomplete work ZF An "I" that is not completed within one year of the end of the course is automatically converted to a "ZF". A "ZF" is treated the same as an F or NC for all cases involving GPA, academic warning, probation and dismissal. W Withdrawn from the course</p>
Activities	Class discussion, case studies, research papers (3), mid-term and final presentation
Policy Statements: University Policies	<p>University policies are provided in the current course catalog and course schedules. They are also available on the university website. This class is governed by the university's published policies. The following policies are of particular interest:</p> <p>Academic Honesty The university is committed to high standards of academic honesty. Students will be held responsible for violations of these standards. Please refer to the university's academic honesty policies for a definition of academic dishonesty and potential disciplinary actions associated with it.</p> <p>Drops and Withdrawals Please be aware that, should you choose to drop or withdraw from this course, the date on which you notify the university of your decision will determine the amount of tuition refund you receive. Please refer to the university policies on drops and withdrawals (published elsewhere) to find out what the deadlines are for dropping</p>

	<p>a course with a full refund and for withdrawing from a course with a partial refund.</p> <p>Special Services If you have registered as a student with a documented disability and are entitled to classroom or testing accommodations, please inform the instructor at the beginning of the course of the accommodations you will require in this class so that these can be provided.</p> <p>Disturbances Since every student is entitled to full participation in class without interruption, disruption of class by inconsiderate behavior is not acceptable. Students are expected to treat the instructor and other students with dignity and respect, especially in cases where a diversity of opinion arises. Students who engage in disruptive behavior are subject to disciplinary action, including removal from the course.</p> <p>Student Assignments Retained From time to time, student assignments or projects will be retained by The Department for the purpose of academic assessment. In every case, should the assignment or project be shared outside the academic Department, the student's name and all identifying information about that student will be redacted from the assignment or project.</p>
Course Policies	<p>Cheating and plagiarism</p> <p>Of course, students are expected to do their own work. Students who claim that someone else's work is theirs may face disciplinary action. Plagiarism can be avoided simply by the use of quotation marks when quoting and citation when paraphrasing someone else's work.</p> <p>Absenteeism</p> <p>Student's who miss more than one class will have to make up additional work. Student's who miss more than two classes may be advised to drop the course or may have their grade lowered commensurately.</p> <p>This syllabus may be revised or changed without prior notice by the instructor.</p>
Weekly Schedule	Week 1 Introduction and class organization: Review of course

syllabus, class requirements and grading.

What to Expect

Topics Chapters 1-3

Health Policy Relationships
Relationship of Government and Politics
Restructuring the American Health Care System
American Health Politics

Week 2

Chapters 4-6

Health Policy Influences
The Political Economy of Health Services
Presidential Leadership

Week 3

Chapters 7-10

Evolution of Health Policy
State Role in Health Care Policy
Public Opinion
Demand for Health Care
First Paper Due

Week 4

Mid-term

Week 5

Chapters 11-13

Special Interest Groups
Cost Containment
Access to Care

Week 6

Chapters 14-16

Health Insurance
The Elderly
Mental Health Care
Second Paper Due

Week 7

Chapters 17-20

Politics of Disability
Environmental Health
Rural Health Care Delivery

Week 8

Topics of Discussion

	Cultural Influence on Health Care Sexual Harassment Presentations Week 9 Presentations Final Paper
Additional Information	