

JUN 04 2008

New Course Request

Indiana University

South Bend

Campus

Check Appropriate Boxes:

Undergraduate credit

Graduate credit

Professional credit

86

1. School/Division College of Arts & Sciences..... 2. Academic Subject Code POLS.....
3. Course Number Y514..... (must be cleared with University Registrar) 4. Instructor D. Singh.....
5. Course Title Political Economy of Health Care.....
Recommended Abbreviation (Optional)
(limited to 32 Characters including spaces)
6. First time this course is to be offered (Semester/Year): Fall 2009.....
7. Credit Hours: Fixed at 3..... or Variable from to
8. Is this course to be graded S-F (only)? Yes No X..
9. Is variable title approval being requested? Yes No X...
10. Course description (not to exceed 50 words) for Bulletin publication: Course will focus on the economics of health care with attention to role of government in health care policy debates and decisions......
11. Lecture Contact Hours: Fixed at 3..... or Variable from to
12. Non-Lecture Contact Hours: Fixed at 0..... or Variable from to
13. Estimated enrollment: 25..... of which 100..... percent are expected to be graduate students.
14. Frequency of scheduling: annual..... Will this course be required for majors? Yes.....
15. Justification for new course: This replaces the exiting H514 in the MPA program. Change due to USB SPEA restructuring......
16. Are the necessary reading materials currently available in the appropriate library? Yes.....
17. Please append a complete outline of the proposed course, and indicate instructor (if known), textbooks, and other materials.
18. If this course overlaps with existing courses, please explain with which courses it overlaps and whether this overlap is necessary, desirable, or unimportant. No
19. A copy of every new course proposal must be submitted to departments, schools, or divisions in which there may be overlap of the new course with existing courses or areas of strong concern, with instructions that they send comments directly to the originating Curriculum Committee. Please append a list of departments, schools, or divisions thus consulted.

Submitted by:

Approved by:

Randa Chen

Date 4/16/08

Department Chairman/Division Director

ASAC Dean CLAS

Date 5/8/08

Dean

.....
Date
Dean of Graduate School (when required)

Randa M. Antochne
Chancellor/Vice-President

Date 5.30.08

.....
Date
University Registrar

After School/Division approval, forward the last copy (without attachments) to the University Registrar for initial processing, and the remaining four copies and attachments to the Campus Chancellor or Vice-President.

POLS- Y 514 Political Economy of Health Care - 3 credits

Instructor: Dr. Singh

Required Text

Thomas Getzen, *Health Economics: Fundamentals and Flow of Funds*, Wiley, 2004.

Course Objectives

1. To acquire a basic understanding of the economic system and its relation to health and health care.
2. To understand the demand-side (patient) and supply-side (health provider) characteristics of health care.
3. To understand the economics of health insurance and managed health care.
4. To understand the role of government in health care.
5. To review current policy debates on health and health markets.

Grading

| | |
|--------------|-----|
| Homework | 10% |
| Policy Paper | 20% |
| Midterm Exam | 35% |
| Final Exam | 35% |

Homework problems will be given on a regular basis. These will be both from the text and instructor-written. Students may work together, but each student must submit their own assignment. Answers are expected to be clear, concise, and grammatically correct.

A **policy review paper** will be assigned and due on the last day of class. The details of this paper will be given as a handout early in the semester. In brief, you will be required to summarize and evaluate the historical and current status of a policy debate related to the economics of health.

The **midterm** and **final exams** will be given in-class according to the schedule below and will cover both lecture material and text readings. You will receive a review sheet and important exam-related information before each exam. Make-up exams are subject to the instructor's approval. The instructor will grade all exams.

Final course grades are assigned as follows: below 60% = F, 60-62 = D-, 63-66 = D, 67-69 = D+, 70-72 = C-, 73-76 = C, 77-79 = C+, 80-82 = B-, 83-86 = B, 87-89 = B+, 90-92 = A-, 93-96 = A, 97-100 = A+

Class Prerequisites

There are no explicit prerequisites for SPEA H514. Students are assumed to have a foundation of basic algebra. We will also use microeconomic theory and previous exposure (e.g., a principles of economics class) may prove useful. However, the class is inclusive of learning the relevant microeconomic foundations to the topics of the course.

Class Format

The course will be taught **lecture-style**, so be prepared to take notes. Questions from students during class are welcomed. Please turn off cellular phones and pagers, and refrain from conversation during class. We will typically have **one 10-minute break** during class and students are expected to return promptly and quietly to their seats once class resumes.

We will follow the topical sequence of the text quite closely though lectures will often include material not found in the book. **Attendance** will not be recorded, but understand that one class reflects the material for one week and **the instructor is not expected to provide missed class notes to absentees**. All university policies concerning attendance, the assignment of grades, and withdrawals will be upheld.

Legal Statements

1) The university may discipline a student for **academic misconduct**, which is defined as any activity that tends to undermine the academic integrity of the institution. Academic misconduct includes, but is not limited to, the following: Cheating, Fabrication, Plagiarism, Interference, Violation of Course Rules, and Facilitating Academic Dishonesty. Further policies can be viewed in the IU Code of Student Rights, Responsibilities, and Conduct at <http://www.dsa.indiana.edu/Code/>.

2) If you will require special academic accommodations under the Americans with Disability Act, Section 504, or other state or federal law, please contact the Office of Disabled Student Services at (574) 237-4479. **It is the responsibility of the student to schedule an interview and meet with Disabled Student Services as soon as admitted to the university and then as soon as registered each subsequent semester.** Further guidelines can be viewed at <http://www.iusb.edu/~sbdss/guidelines.shtml>.

3) This syllabus is subject to change by the instructor.

Course Schedule

| <u>Topic</u> | <u>Chapters</u> |
|--------------------------------------|-----------------|
| <i>August 30 – October 6</i> | |
| Introduction and Overview | |
| Introduction to Health Economics | 1 |
| Demand-Side | |
| Demand | 2 |
| Cost-Effectiveness | 3 |
| Insurance | |
| Insurance | 4 |
| Insurance Contracts and Managed Care | 5,10 |

First Midterm (tentative date 10/11)

October 18 – December 6

Supply-Side

| | |
|----------------|-----|
| Physicians | 6,7 |
| Hospitals | 8,9 |
| Long-Term Care | 11 |

Other Topics

| | |
|---------------------------------------|-------|
| Macroeconomics of Health Care | 13-19 |
| Pharmaceuticals and the Drug Industry | 12 |

Final Exam (IUSB scheduled date 12/13)