

HS 100 – HEALTH SERVICES ORGANIZATION
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Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays 3:00pm - 4:50pm
ROOM 43-105 CHS

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A. Purpose of the Course

This course is designed to give students a basic understanding of American health care delivery system. It describes the overall system as well as its component parts, and raises important issues and questions related to the different approaches to health care delivery. It also identifies the trends and forces that are influencing the future directions of the American health care system.

B. Organization of the Course

The course is divided into three sections. The first section is the overview of the American health care system and reviews historical development, current structure, concepts of health and access, and factors influencing health care utilization. The second section reviews financing and coverage of health care by examining the sources of funding for insurance coverage and services and identifying the benefits and shortcomings of each. The third section describes delivery of care within the American health care system and examines overarching issues that impact delivery of care. Issues covered include settings and providers such as ambulatory care, hospitals, and health departments. Delivery of services other than medical care includes long term care, mental health care, and dental health care. This section also includes coverage of other significant areas of health services such as quality of care and pharmaceuticals. Lecture slides are available for download from the class website.

C. Assigned Reading

The required text is: Introduction to Health Services, (6th edition), by Williams and Torrens. It is available in the Health Sciences Bookstore. Several lectures will also require supplementary readings. Required readings are noted on the syllabus and must be read prior to the lecture. The course reader is available at Westwood Copies, Inc. at: 1001 Gayley Ave. #104; Los Angeles, CA 90024; Tel. (310) 208-3233.

D. EXAMINATIONS AND GRADES

There will be one mid-term exam, one final exam each covering approximately half the course material. The final exam will primarily cover material presented after the mid-term exam. Emphasis will be on understanding the general trends and characteristics of the material covered in **lectures, discussion sections, and assigned readings**. The format will be multiple choice and short answer essay questions. Students will be expected to know some of the important general statistics that are covered in class and in the readings, but the exams will not be an exercise in the memorization of numbers and details.

Attendance at lecture and discussion sections is required. Each week the students are required to scan the print media or the California Healthline (a free daily news e-mail service. Free registration at www.californiahealthline.org) and select an article that is relevant to the lectures given during the week. Selected articles will be discussed in the discussion section. Each student is responsible for selecting one such article during the quarter and providing a one page single space write-up and summary of 1) the main points of the chosen "article" and 2) the implications of those points for the topics discussed in the course. The selected article should be related to the course materials and this relationship should be clearly explained. Seemingly unrelated articles get lower scores. The summary of the main points should not exceed a short paragraph.

Final grades will be determined according to the following weights: Mid-term exam (40%), Final exam (40%), Current issue summary (10%), Discussion section attendance and lecture participation (10%).

Date	Topic	Lecturer	Readings
	<i>I. Overview</i>		
October 3, 2005	Course overview, Introduction to health services, History of health services in US	Dr. N. Pourat/N. Bronson	Ch. 1, Reader: Paul Starr, The Social Origins of Professional Sovereignty
October 5, 2005	Structure of the US health care system	Dr. N. Pourat	W&T Ch. 2
October 7, 2005	<i>Lab</i>		
October 10, 2005	Health status as determinant of health services utilization	Dr. N. Pourat	Reader: Colleen McHorney, Health Assessment Methods for Adults: Past Accomplishments and Future Challenges, pp. 309-317
October 12, 2005	Access to health care	Dr. N. Pourat	Reader: W&T, Ch 4 of 5th edition
October 14, 2005	<i>Lab</i>		
	<i>II. Financing and coverage of health care</i>		
October 17, 2005	Employment-based & individual health insurance	Dr. N. Pourat	W& T, Ch. 7
October 19, 2005	Medicare	Dr. G. Kominski	W&T, Ch. 5; Reader: Medicare-at-a-Glance; Medicare-Advantage; The-Medicare-Prescription-Drug-Benefit; Anderson, Rice, & Kominski Ch. 16
October 21, 2005	<i>Lab</i>		
October 24, 2005	Medicaid	Dr. N. Pourat	The-Medicaid-Program-at-a-Glance; Medicaid-Enrollment-and-Spending-Trends; Medicaid a Primer; Cindy Mann, The flexibility factor: finding the right balance
October 26, 2005	Managed Care	Dr. P. Parkerton	W&T, Ch. 6
October 28, 2005	<i>Lab</i>		
October 31, 2005	Financing & cost containment	Dr. T. Rice	W&T, Ch. 5; Andersen, Rice & Kominski Ch. 4
November 2, 2005	Ambulatory care	Dr. Elizabeth Yano	W&T, Ch. 9
November 4, 2005	<i>Lab- Midterm review</i>		
November 7, 2005	Mid Term		
	<i>III. Delivery of health care</i>		
November 9, 2005	Hospitals	K. Enard	W&T, Ch. 10; Reader: Jill Horwitz, Making Profits And Providing Care: Comparing Nonprofit, For-Profit, And Government Hospitals; Gloria Bazzoli et al, An Update On Safety-Net Hospitals: Coping With The Late 1990s And Early 2000s
November 11, 2005	Veterans' day holiday		

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November 14, 2005	Long term care	Dr. N. Pourat	W&T, Ch. 11
November 16, 2005	Public health care system	Dr. L. Breslow	W&T, Ch. 8
November 18, 2005	<i>Lab</i>		
November 21, 2005	Mental health care	Dr. S. Ettner	Andersen, Rice & Kominski Ch. 12; W&T, Ch. 12
November 23, 2005	<i>Lab</i>		
November 25, 2005	Thanksgiving Holiday		
November 28, 2005	Dental health care	Dr. M. Marcus	Oral Health in America: A report of the Surgeon Generals, Executive Summary and Ch. 9
November 30, 2005	Quality of care	Dr. N. Pourat	W&T, Ch. 16; Andersen, Rice & Kominski Ch. 7
December 2, 2005	<i>Lab</i>		
December 5, 2005	Pharmaceuticals	Dr. Jon Riddle	W&T, Ch. 13
December 7, 2005	Policy and politics of health care	Dr. ER. Brown	W&T, Ch. 15; Andersen, Rice & Kominski Ch. 2
December 9, 2005	<i>Lab- Final review</i>		
December 13, 2005	Final Exam	11:30am-2:30pm	