

## HS 100 – Spring 2003

### SCHEDULE OF LECTURES AND READING ASSIGNMENTS

**Mondays & Wednesdays, 10:00am - 11:50am**

**Rooms 43-105**

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TEXT: Williams and Torrens, Introduction to Health Services, 5 th Edition

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#### A. Purpose of the Course

This course is designed to give students a basic understanding of American health care delivery. 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. Sequence of the Course

The first segment of the course will look at the overall American health care system: how it developed, its present form, its basic components, concepts of health, disease, and illness, and the individual and social factors that influence health care utilization.

The second segment looks at the institutional providers in the American health care system: physicians, hospitals, health departments, ambulatory care, and emerging forms of managed care; and examined issues of access to care and quality of care.

The third segment examines the organization and financing of health care services, including health insurance, public programs, regulation vs. competition, and how they affect long-term care, mental health, and other health services.

The fourth and final segment of the course looks at selected contemporary issues in health services in the post health system reform era.

#### C. Assigned Reading

One text is required for this course: Introduction to Health Services, (5th edition), by Williams and Torrens. It is available in the Health Sciences Bookstore. Several lectures will also require supplementary readings. These will be distributed in class prior to the relevant lecture. **REQUIRED CHAPTERS ARE NOTED ON THE SYLLABUS AND MUST BE READ PRIOR TO THE LECTURE.**

#### D. EXAMINATIONS AND GRADES

There will be one mid-term exam and a final exam. 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 exercises in memorization of minutiae. Attendance at lecture and discussion sections is required.

Final grades will be determined according to the following weights:

Mid-term exam (40%), Final exam (40%), Discussion section attendance and participation (20%)

A+ = 97-100; A = 90-96; B+ = 87-89; B = 80-86; C+ = 77-79; C = 70-76; D = 60-69; F = 0-59

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<b>DATE</b>	<b>TOPIC</b>	<b>LECTURER</b>	<b>READING</b>
<b>I. OVERVIEW</b>			
3/31/03	Introduction to Course; Overview of Health Services	Litwin	Chap. 3
4/2/03	Health Status and Determinants of Health Services	Cunningham	Chap. 1, 2
4/7/03	Health Care Financing	Litwin	Chap. 5
4/9/03	History & Development of Health Care in the U.S.	Cunningham	Chap. 1, 2
<b>II. PROVIDERS</b>			
4/14/03	Hospitals	Torrens	Chap. 10
4/16/03	Health Care Personnel	Thind	Chap. 14
4/21/03	Ambulatory Care; Managed Care	Litwin	Chap. 9, 6
4/23/03	Public Health Agencies: Federal, State, Community	Breslow	Chap. 8
4/28/03	Access to Health Care	Andersen	Chap. 4
4/30/03	<b>MIDTERM EXAM</b>		
<b>III. RESOURCES</b>			
5/5/03	Medicare and Medicaid	Litwin	Chap. 5
5/7/03	Pharmaceuticals	Comanor	Chap. 12
5/12/03	Mental Health Services	Miranda	Chap. 13
5/14/03	Long Term Care	Harada	Chap. 11
5/19/03	Single Payor and the Politics of Health Care Delivery	Diamant	Chap. 15
<b>IV. SPECIAL TOPICS</b>			
5/21/03	Tobacco Policy in California: Plans & Results	Lyman	Handout
5/26/03	<i>Memorial Day – no class</i>		
5/28/03	Health Services for Children	Inkelas	Handout
6/2/03	Health Services for the Homeless		
6/4/03	<b>FINAL EXAM</b>		