

GPA 417 Public Health Policy

Pre requisites: None

Learning objectives:

This course focuses on the macroeconomic and microeconomic analysis of health and health care system. This course is aimed at introducing students to the dynamics of health and economic growth. It addresses two primary policy issues in managing health care system: equity in access to care, and efficiency in financing health care. Policy strategies taken by various international organizations and national governments in tackling related problems are examined to understand why and why not these strategies are successful.

Learning outcomes:

After completing the course, students should be able to:

- Understanding the relationship between good health and sustainable economic growth;
- Conceptualizing health and health care as products;
- Applying economic principles to examine features and issues in health care markets;
- Appreciating the social, political and economic contexts of health care system;
- Structuring, recommending, and evaluating a health care policy.

Course Contents:

Introduction: health and development, Dynamics of Health and Economic Growth, Health-poverty traps, Health Care System, Health, human development and economic growth, Comparative Analysis of Health Care Systems and Reforms, Health policy issues, Conceptual understanding of public and private roles in health, Global collaboration towards a healthier future.

Text books

1. P. J. Feldstein, Health Policy Issues An Economic Perspective, 3rd ed., Health Administration Press, 2002.

2. V. R. Fuchs, The Future of Health Policy, Harvard University Press, Cambridge: Massachusetts, 1993.
3. T. E. Getzen, Health Economics Fundamentals and Flow of Funds, 2nd ed., John Wiley & Sons, Inc., 2004.
4. J. W. Henderson, Health Economics and Policy with Economic Applications, 3rd ed., Thomson SouthWestern, 2004.
5. W. Jack, Principles of Health Economics for Developing Countries, The World Bank Institute Development Studies, Washington, DC., 1999