

Syllabus  
Economics 211  
Economics of Health and Health Care  
Fall 2007  
Tues/Thurs. 5b (12:50 – 2:00)

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Office Hours:

Tuesday/Thursday: 10:15 – 11:30AM  
Monday/Wednesday: 9:30 – 11:00AM

Required texts:

*Health Economics: Theories, Insights and Industry Studies*. 4<sup>th</sup> edition  
Rexford E. Santerre and Stephen P. Neun

**Assessment.** Your grade will consist of seven components: three hourly exams, class attendance and participation, two essays and a final. Note that attendance and participation are not one and the same. Participation requires that you attend class with readings complete such that you can participate in and add to the discussion. Unexcused absences in excess of three will result in grade reductions. Grades will be weighted as follows:

Exams (1-3)	15% each	45%
Essays	10% each	20%
Attendance and participation		10%
Final		25%

You must notify me BEFOREHAND if you need to reschedule an exam. If you do not take an exam on the date it is given without first making alternative arrangements, you will receive a score of zero for that exam.

**Academic Honesty:** I endorse and strictly enforce the college's academic honesty policy. Violations of this policy will result in failure for the semester, no exceptions. The academic honesty policy can be found in the student handbook under "Academic policies and Regulations" and in the college catalog (p.46). Make sure you have read and understand these important policies. If you have any questions, PLEASE ask.

Schedule (may be adjusted as necessary – note that this is VERY likely in the last month)

August

28	Introduction/Class business	Ch. 1
30	The economic perspective on health	Ch. 2

September

4	The economic perspective on health	Ch. 2
6	Cost/Benefit Analysis Video “Who Plays God”	Ch. 3
11	Remainder of Video/ discussion	
13	Health Care systems and institutions	Ch. 4
18	Health Care systems continued	Ch. 4
20	<b>Exam #1 (Chapters 1 – 4)</b>	
25	The demand for medical care	Ch. 5
27	The demand for care and insurance	Ch. 5/6

October

2	The demand for insurance	Ch. 6
4	The supply of medical care	Ch. 7
9	<b>No Class Fall Break</b>	
11	The Structure, Conduct and Performance Model <b>ESSAY #1 due</b>	Ch. 8
16	<b>Exam #2 (Chapters 5 – 8)</b>	
18	Government health and medical care	Ch. 9
23	The role of government as insurer	Ch. 10
25	The role of government as insurer (cont'd)	

30 Private Health Insurance Ch. 11

November

1 Guest lecture

6 **Exam #3 (Ch. 9 – 11, speakers)**

8 The physician services market Ch. 12

13 Guest lecture

15 Hospital services market Ch. 13  
**Essay #2 due**

20 Guest speaker

22 **No Class - Thanksgiving**

27 The pharmaceutical industry Ch. 14

29 Guest Speaker

December

4 Health care reform Ch. 16

6 Catch up/review/end of class business

11 Reading Day

12 – 19 Finals DO NOT SCHEDULE TRAVEL