COURSE SYLLABUS AND SCHEDULE

SYLLABUS

COURSE DESCRIPTION

HCAD 5312 reviews the development, organization, management, delivery, resource production, and financing of health care in the United States. Healthcare policy development, legislation, and regulation will be discussed. Comparison to, and contrasts between, other health system models are used to help understand current problems of health care delivery in the United States, the rationales for changing the health care system, and the potentials for improved health care for the US population.

COURSE OBJECTIVES

1. Explain the foundations of the health care system in the United States
2. Compare and contrast the US Health care system to other health care system models.
3. Differentiate between the components of the health care delivery system.
4. Understand the interrelationships and integration of the components of the US health care system responsible for the actual delivery of health care to the population at large.
5. Articulate the effect of major health care legislation on the delivery of health care.
6. Understand how basic health care policy and politics shape health care delivery systems.
7. Compare and contrast the ideals of market justice and social justice in health care delivery.
8. Examine the concepts of cost, quality, and access to care as vital components of health care system changes.

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Office Hours: By appointment; please call in advance, or email via the course email.
REQUIRED TEXTBOOK AND READINGS


Supplemental readings will be available through eReserve for this course, accessible through the Bell Library web site. The instructor will provide students with the necessary password to access the course’s eReserve material during the first week of classes. A complete listing of these readings will also appear by clicking on the Information link from the course home page. This document is considered part of the course syllabus.

TEACHING METHODS

- Online discussions
- Online chat sessions (dates to be announced)
- Chapter Quizzes (timed; open book)
- Written assignments (two short papers)
- Final examination

GRADING OF COURSE ACTIVITIES

The relative contribution to the final course grade is distributed as follows.

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Grading Scale of the College of Nursing and Health Sciences:

- 90 – 100%: A
- 83 – 89 %: B
- 75 – 82%: C
- 67 – 74%: D
- Less than 67%: F

Extra credit work will not be accepted.
EXPECTEDATIONS AND REQUIREMENTS OF EACH GRADED COURSE COMPONENT

Course Papers

A complete explanation of the two short course papers will be provided after the semester begins. This document will be posted under the Information icon on the course home page. This document is considered a part of the syllabus. Grading criteria will be included. Both short papers will deal with policy issues related to health care financing and delivery.

Weekly Quizzes

Each week, one or more quizzes will be available under the Assessment icon on the course home page. You will see there the quiz and the dates of availability. You will have 30 minutes to answer all questions. The questions are in multiple choice format. You will have one opportunity to take the quiz. Upon completion you will see all the questions again, along with items you may have missed and with the correct answer. Your scores will be available in your personal gradebook, which can be accessed under the Student Resources icon on the home page.

The schedule for the weekly quizzes will be included on the official course schedule. This document is considered part of the course syllabus, as mentioned above under Required Textbook and Readings.

Weekly Discussion Postings

Each week, all students are expected to post to the course discussions. These will be found under the DISCUSSIONS icon on the home page’s menu on the left side menu of Blackboard. This will bring up several discussion posting options.

The discussion area labeled Messages from Faculty is where the instructor will post course information, updates, etc.

The Weekly Discussion area, accessed by clicking on that item, will be where you can respond to weekly discussion postings made by the instructor to that area and ask questions yourself about reading material assigned for the week. It is expected that each student will make a meaningful posting to this area three, or more, times per week. A “meaningful posting is one that offers new information about the week’s topic(s) or further supports the posting of another student by citing additional information on that topic.” Comments such as, “I agree with this posting,” or “I really like your idea” do not add new meaning and should be avoided since they add to the time students must review postings and fail to offer new information about the topic being discussed. The instructor reads all postings at least every other day, and may make further comments as well. Failure to post at least three meaningful discussion postings weekly will result in your discussion participation grade being reduced by one (1) point.

The CYBER CAFÉ area is a discussion area where you can post interesting discoveries outside the material being discussed that week. Meaningful postings in the Cyber Café will count toward your discussion postings for the week.

Other discussion forums may be added during the semester to facilitate reading of the postings.
Course emails (MAIL icon, menu at left) are not to be used for discussions about the course discussions, quizzes, course paper, etc. Any discussions you have should appear in the discussion areas under the Communication icon. Reserve the course emails for rapid exchanges or contacting the instructor. Remember: If the instructor doesn’t “see” the discussion, it will not count toward the participation component of the course grade.

Posting etiquette. Each student will show other students and the instructor appropriate respect in postings. Do not use terms that are stereotyping, stigmatizing, or demeaning to one or more groups of individuals. Acknowledging cultural differences in a meaningful way (see above clarification of the meaning of “meaningful discussions) is encouraged by all students. Failure to do this will result in your posting being removed. The second occurrence will result in a deduction in your participation grade of 50%. The third occurrence will result in a reduction of your course grade by 10%. No exceptions will be granted.

Final Examination

The final exam will be posted under the Assessments icon during the last week of the summer semester. It will consist of three short-answer essay questions. You will have 48 hours to submit the final examination. It will cover all material from the course. Further information will be distributed to students later in the semester.

OTHER INFORMATION

Students with Disabilities:

The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) is a federal anti-discrimination statute that provides comprehensive civil rights protection for persons with disabilities. Among other things, this legislation requires that all students with disabilities be guaranteed a learning environment that provides for reasonable accommodation of their disabilities. If you believe you have a disability requiring an accommodation, please contact the Disability Services Office at 361.825.5816 or visit the office in Driftwood 101. Qualifying students should do this during the first week of classes. Online information is available at http://disabilityservices.tamucc.edu/.

Academic Advising:

Not all students in the course are enrolled through the College of Nursing and Health Sciences. However, the College of Nursing and Health Sciences requires that students enrolled in the college consult with an Academic Advisor regarding their degree plan and/or changes to their degree plan. The Academic Advisor will set up a degree plan and indicate plan is active by signing the plan. Once the plan is completed it will be filed in the student’s record. The College's Academic Advising Center is located in Island Hall, within the College’s office, and the Graduate Academic Advisor is Barton Bailey, Room 322, 361-825-5893. Mr. Bailey’s email address is barton.bailey@tamucc.edu.

Academic Honesty:
University students are expected to conduct themselves in accordance with the highest standards of academic honesty. Academic misconduct for which a student is subject to a penalty includes all forms of cheating, such as illicit possession of examinations or examination materials, forgery, or plagiarism. (Plagiarism is the presentation of the work of another as one's own work.) Students are directed to the following site for additional information: http://catalog.tamucc.edu/content.php?catoid=2&navoid=11#Academic_Honesty.

**Grade Appeal Process:**

As stated in the College of Nursing and Health Sciences (CONHS) Handbook under section VII Policies and Procedures, a student that believes he or she has an academic grade appeal is encouraged to go through the CONHS academic review process prior to pursuing University Grade Appeal. See the handbook for the process. As stated in University Rule 13.02.99.C2, Student Grade Appeals, a student who believes that he or she has not been held to appropriate academic standards as outline in the course syllabus, equitable evaluation procedures, or appropriate grading, may appeal the final grade given in the course. The burden of proof is upon the student to demonstrate the appropriateness of the appeal. A student with a complaint about a grade is encouraged to first discuss the matter with the instructor. For complete details, including the responsibilities of the parties involved in the process and the number of days allowed for completing the steps in the process, see University Rule 13.02.99.C2, Student Grade Appeals, and University Procedure 13.02.99.C2.01, Student Grade Appeal Procedures. These documents are accessible through the University Rules Web site at http://www.tamucc.edu/provost/university_rules/index.html. For assistance and/or guidance in the grade appeal process, students may contact the Office of Student Affairs.

**REQUIRED ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF RECEIPT OF THE COURSE SYLLABUS AND SCHEDULE**

After reviewing the course syllabus and schedule, each student will use the course email function (available under the MAIL icon on the home page) to email the instructor that both documents have been downloaded, read, and understood. Each student may ask pertinent questions at that time as well. The instructor will reply to the student email within 24 to 48 hours.