



## Department of Economics Course Outline

	<b>Term:</b> Fall 2011
<b>Course:</b> Economics 379 [The Economics of Health]	<b>Section:</b> 01
<b>Time:</b> MWF 09:00 – 09:50	<b>Place:</b> ICT 114 (subject to change)
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**Textbook(s):**

*Health Economics*, 1<sup>st</sup> edition, by Jeremiah E. Hurley, McGraw-Hill Ryerson

**Book(s) on Reserve:**

None

**Tentative Course Outline:**

Class	Topic	Chapters to cover
September 12	Introduction	Chapters 1
September 14 – 21	Essential Economic Concepts	Chapters 2 - 4
September 23 - 30	Economics of Health	Chapters 5 - 6
October 3	Exam 1: Chapters 1 to 6	
October 5 - 7	Health Care as an Economic Commodity	Chapter 7
October 10	No class	
October 12 -17	The Demand for Health Care	Chapter 8
October 19 -24	The Demand for Health Care Insurance	Chapter 9
October 26 – October 31	Private Insurance Markets	Chapter 10
November 2 - 7	System of Health Care Financing	Chapter 11
November 9	Exam 2: Chapters 7 to 11	
November 11	University closed	
November 14-16	Health Care Funding	Chapter 12
November 18 – 21	Physicians, Their Practices, and the Market for Physician	Chapter 13

November 23 – 28	Health Care Institutions: Hospitals	Chapter 14
November 30 – December 2	Pharmaceuticals	Chapter 15
December 5 – 7	Aging and Technology	Chapter 16
December 9	Review	

### **Grade Determination and Final Examination Details:**

There will be two assignments, 2 in-class tests, and one final examination. Students are advised to take note of the dates for the two in-class tests. Duration for each test is 50 minutes. Assignments will be handed to students at the beginning of class on October 7, 2011 and November 16, 2011. Assignments are due before the start of class on December 5, 2011. Grades of assignments handed in after class on the due dates will be reduced by 25%.

### **Grade Structure:**

Assignments	30%
In-class tests	35%
Final examination	35%

Tests and final exams are marked on a numerical (percentage) basis, then converted to letter grades. The course grade is then calculated using the weights indicated above. As a guide to determining standing, these letter grade equivalences will generally apply:

A+	96-100	B	73-76	C-	60-62
A	87-95	B-	70-72	D+	55-59
A-	80-86	C+	67-69	D	50-54
B+	77-79	C	63-66	F	0-49

Academic integrity is an important component of learning. Therefore, students must ensure that submitted assignment does not contravene the University of Calgary's policy on plagiarism. Non-compliance may be subject to disciplinary action.

There will not be makeup tests. Unless you have a documented health problems or family emergencies, if you fail to take a test, your score for the missed test will be zero. If for a legitimate reason you do miss a test the grade for the rest of the course will be given greater weight. Students who miss the final, with a legitimate reason, must apply for a deferred final exam.

A passing grade on any particular component of the course is not required for a student to pass the course as a whole.

Non-programmable calculators will be allowed during the writing of tests or final examinations but will not be required.

There will be a Registrar scheduled final examination, lasting **2** hours held in a classroom.

Tests and exams will involve multiple choice questions.

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**Notes:**

- Students seeking reappraisal of a piece of graded term work (term paper, essay, etc.) should discuss their work with the Instructor *within fifteen days* of the work being returned to the class.
- It is the student's responsibility to request academic accommodations. If you are a student with a documented disability who may require academic accommodation and have not registered with the Disability Resource Centre, please contact their office at 220-8237. Students who have not registered with the Disability Resource Centre are not eligible for formal academic accommodation. You are also required to discuss your needs with your instructor no later than fourteen (14) days after the start of this course.

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