

Economics 379(L01) The Economics of Health

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Textbook(s):

The Economics of Health and Health Care, 7th edition, by Folland, Goodman and Stano, Prentice Hall Canada.

Books on Reserve:

Culyer, A.J. & J.P. Newhouse (eds) *Handbook of Health Economics (Vol. 1A and 1B)*, Elsevier, 2000.

Newhouse, J.P. *Free for all? Lessons from the Rand Health Insurance Experiment*, Harvard University Press, 1993.

Evans, Robert. *Strained Mercy: The economics of Canadian health care*, Toronto: Buttersworth, 1984.

Folland, Goodman and Stano *The Economics of Health and Health Care*, Prentice Hall (latest edition)

Lu, M. & J. Egon (eds.) *Financing Health Care: New Ideas for a Changing Society*, 1st edition, Wiley – VCH, Weinheim.

Drummond, Michael F., Bernard O'Brien, Greg Stoddart, and George Torrance. *Methods for the Economic Evaluation of Health Care Programmes*. Oxford University Press: 1997.

Joshua D. Angrist and Jörn-Steffen Pischke, *Mastering 'Metrics: The Path from Cause to Effect*, Princeton University Press: 2014.

Desire2Learn: This course will make use of the Desire2Learn (D2L) platform. Students who are registered in the course can log on at <http://d2l.ucalgary.ca> using or through their student centre. Please note that D2L features a class e-mail list that may be used to distribute course-related information. The default is your University of Calgary e-mail address.

Course Outline:

1. Overview	Chapters 1
2. Government intervention and issues in Canadian health care system	Chapters 19-22
3. Economic evaluation of health care	Chapter 4
4. The supply and demand of health	Chapters 5-7
5. The supply and demand of health insurance	Chapter 8
6. Consumer choice and demand	Chapters 9
7. Asymmetric information and agency	Chapter 10
8. Physicians	Chapter 15
9. The organization of health insurance market	Chapter 11
10. Managed care	Chapter 12
11. Nonprofit firms and hospitals	Chapters 13-14
12. The Pharmaceutical Industry	Chapter 17

Grade Determination and Final Examination Details:

There will be two tests, as well as a term paper project. There is no final examination.

Grading weights will be as follows.

Class Participation	20%
Test 1 (Tentative Date: October 13 th 2015)	25%
Test 2 (Tentative Date: November 24 th 2015)	25%
Term Project	30%

Grade for class participation is based on attendance, interactions/contributions in class discussions, and demonstrated familiarity with course readings. Details on term project requirements will be discussed in Day 1 of the class; detailed instructions will be posted on the D2L.

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

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. Grades of assignments handed in after class on the due dates will be reduced by 50%. If for a legitimate reason you do miss a test, the grade for the rest of the course will be given greater weight.

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

Calculators are not needed or allowed during the writing of tests. Tests will not involve multiple choice questions.

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.
- Make-up or deferred examinations will not be given. Students who are unable to write a midterm because of illness, family emergency or religious observance will have the midterm weight shifted to the final. Appropriate documentation is required in all cases.
- 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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Society of Undergraduates in Economics (S.U.E.):

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Society of Undergraduates in Economics is a student run organization whose main purpose is to assist undergraduate economics students succeed both academically and socially at the University of Calgary. Services include access to the exam bank, career partnerships with the Career Centre through hosting industry nights and information sessions, recognizing achievements in teaching, and organizing social events for members. Join now by contacting sue@ucalgary.ca.

Faculty of Arts Program Advising and Student Information Resources

- Have a question, but not sure where to start? The Arts Students' Centre is your information resource for everything in Arts! Drop in at SS102, call them at 403-220-3580 or email them at artsads@ucalgary.ca. You can also visit the Faculty of Arts website at <http://arts.ucalgary.ca/undergraduate> which has detailed information on common academic concerns, including program planning and advice.
- For registration (add/drop/swap), paying fees and assistance with your Student Centre, contact Enrolment Services at 403-210-ROCK [7625] or visit them in the MacKimmie Library Block.
- Online writing resources are available at <http://www.ucalgary.ca/ssc/resources/writing-support>

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