



Department of Economics Course Outline

	Term: Spring 2011
Course: Economics 379 [The Economics of Health]	Section: 20
Time: TR 14:00 – 16:50	Place: EDC386
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Textbook(s):

The Economics of Health and Health Care, 6th edition, by Folland, Goodman and Stano, Prentice Hall Canada.

Tentative Course Outline:

Class	Topic	Text
May 12	Review of micro-economics & statistics tools	Chapters 2-3
May 17	Overview & economic evaluation	Chapter 1, 4
May 19	Production of health and demand for health capital	Chapters 5, 6, 7
May 24	Demand and supply for health insurance	Chapter 9
May 26	Consumer choice and demand	Chapter 10
May 31	Asymmetric information and agency	Chapter 10
June 2	No Class	
June 7	Physician behavior	Chapter 15
June 9	The organization of health insurance market	Chapter 11
June 14	Managed care & not-for-profit firms and hospitals	Chapters 12, 13
June 16	Economic determinants of population health	Chapter 17
June 21	Economic determinants of population health	Chapters 19, 20, 21, 22
June 23	Review	

Grade Determination and Final Examination Details:

There will be four assignments, one midterm test, and one final examination. Assignments and their due dates, as well as the dates of the three tests will be provided on the course web site.

Grading weights will be as follows.

Assignments	40%
Midterm Test	20%
Final Examination	40%

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

Students are expected to work on the homework assignments independently. Any submitted assignment which does not fully reflect the student's own work may be subject to disciplinary action. Assignments are due before the start of class. Grades of assignments handed in after class on the due dates will be reduced by 25%. Assignments will not be accepted after the due date.

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.

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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 seven 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 seven (7) days after the start of this course.

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Emergency Assembly Location – Scurfield Hall - Atrium

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