

AHLT 5840 - Comparative Health Systems

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Credit hours: 3

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Course Description

5840. Comparative Health Systems. Problems and issues facing global health care systems including access to care, financing and rationing of services. A major project is included. 3 s.h.



Course Readings

Group	Title	Author	ISBN
Required	Comparative Health Systems: Global Perspectives	Shi, L. and Greenhill, R.	978-1-284-28926-8

The course readings are subject to change in the event of extenuating circumstances, research developments, current events, and/or to ensure better learning.

Schedule of Topics and Assignments

Week of	Reading(s)	Proposed Topic	Due/To Prepare for Class
10/19	Module 1: Chapters 1, 2, 3, and 4 Video: Policies and Politics of the US Health Care System	Introduction To Health Systems	Student Introductions Discussion Board Posts: Chapter 2 &3 Chapter 2 & 3 Test
10/26	Module 2: Chapters 5 & 6	Role of International Organizations in Health Systems United States	Due 10/25 before 11:59:07pm: lms_1778065_1 Due 10/25 before 11:59:13pm: lms_1778066_1 Due 10/25 before 11:59:03pm: lms_1778067_1 Due 10/25 at 11:59pm: lms_1778068_1
11/2	Module 3: Chapters 8 & 30 Video: Private Health Care and Health Care Options in Mexico Read Article: Peru	Health Systems: Mexico and Peru	Due 11/1 at 11:59pm: lms_1778069_1 lms_1778070_1



11/9	Chapters 9 & 11	Health Systems: Brazil and United Kingdom	Due 11/8 before 11:59:25pm: lms_1778071_1 Due 11/8 before 11:59:26pm: lms_1778072_1 Due 11/8 at 11:59pm: lms_1778073_1
11/16	Chapters 19 & 21 Read Articles: Japan and India Video: India	Health Systems: India and Japan	Due 11/15 at 11:59pm: lms_1778074_1 Due 11/15 before 11:59:37pm: lms_1778075_1 Due 11/15 at 11:59pm: lms_1778076_1
11/23	Chapters 26 & 28 Video: How to Understand US Health Care	Health Systems During Crisis and Disaster Comparative Global Challenges and Opportunities	Due 11/22 at 11:59pm: lms_1778077_1 lms_1778078_1
11/30	Chapters 20 & 27	China and The Business of Health Care	Due 11/29 before 11:59:02pm: lms_1778079_1 Due 11/29 before 11:59:46pm: lms_1778080_1 Due 11/29 at 11:59pm: lms_1778081_1

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