

HHS 6962 - Health Care Policy

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Course Description

6962. Health Care Policy. The purpose of the course is to give students the skills necessary to understand all aspects of health and health care especially those related to Health Care policy and delivery. It will examine the supply of and demand for health services, and the analysis of health care systems and current, previous and potential future legislation relevant to health care. Topics will include Medicare, Medicaid, the Affordable Care Act, the Older Americans Act, and trends in health insurance coverage. Prereq.: MHHS or OMBA major. 3 s.h.

Course Readings

Group	Title	Author	ISBN
Required	Delivering Healthcare in America		

Shi, L. & Singh D.A. (2022) Delivering Health Care in America with Access. 8th edition Jones and Bartlett ISBN 13: 9781284224610. Available through the YSU bookstore or online. Needed from day 1.

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
8/24	Module 1 History of Healthcare	History of Healthcare	Introduction Discussion Board due 8/26 Healthcare Delivery Project Nation Selection 8/26
8/31	Chapters 1-2	Foundations of Healthcare System	Discussion Board 2 Due 9/2
9/14	Chapters 3-4	Introduction to Medicare	Discussion Board Ch 3-4 due 9/17
9/21	Chapters 5-6	Medical Technology and Financing	Discussion Board ch 5-6 due 9/23
9/28	Chapters 7-8	Outpatient and inpatient services	Discussion Board ch 7-8 due 9/30
10/5	Exam 1		Exam 1 due 10/7
10/12	Chapters 9-10	Managed Care/Long-term Care	Discussion Board ch 9-10 due 10/14
10/19	Levy et. al reading	Ageism	Discussion Board due 10/21
10/26	Chapters 11-12	Healthcare services and access to care	Discussion Board due 10/28

11/2	Chapter 13	Health Policy	Discussion Board Ch 13 due 11/4
11/9	Social Security	Powerpoints and websites	Social Security Discussion Board due 11/10
11/16		Service Delivery	Discussion Board due 11/18
11/23			Exam 2 due 11/24
11/30	Chapter 14 Comparative Healthcare delivery projects	Future of Healthcare	Discussion Board due 12/2 Projects and Presentations due 12/2

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