

**UNIVERSITY OF ARIZONA  
ELLER COLLEGE OF MANAGEMENT  
SCHOOL OF PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION AND POLICY**

**Course Number:** PA 321  
**Course Name:** Health Care Policy and Institutions

**Course Day:** Tuesdays

**Course Time:** 5:00 - 7:30 p.m  
McClelland 130

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**Office Hours:** By Appointment

**Course Textbooks:** "Health Policy, Crisis and Reform in the U.S. Health Care Delivery System." 5th Edition, Charlene Harrington and Carroll L. Estes, eds., (Boston: Jones and Bartlett, 2008.)

"The U.S. Health System: Origins and Functions" 5<sup>TH</sup> Edition,  
Marshall W. Raffel and Norma K. Raffel, (New York: Delmar  
Publishers, 2002.)

**OBJECTIVE**

This course will provide an overview of the groups and institutions that provide health care. After a brief look at the historical development of the institutions and providers of health care in the United States, current issues, proposed reforms, and other world-wide systems will be explored.

**COURSE REQUIREMENTS/GRADING**

Core requirements for grading include 2 Midterms, 1 Final, 1 Paper, and 1 Class Group Presentation. Each will be weighted as follows:

Midterm (2)	40%
Final	25%
Paper	15%
Presentation	10%
Participation	10%

**GRADING SCALE:**

Scale:

<u>Range</u>	<u>Letter Grade</u>
90 - 100	A
80 - 89	B
70 - 79	C
60 - 69	D
Below 60	NC

**Paper Information:**

An eight to ten (8-10) page, double spaced, typed paper will be due on November 18, 2007 at 5:00 pm - **NO EXCEPTIONS**. (Footnotes and bibliography, exhibits, etc. do not count in the page minimum requirement.) The paper should cover a group or institution operating in health care, current issues, and proposed solutions.

**Exams:**

Questions will be drawn from the text and material presented in class. There will be no make-up exams without prior instructor consent. A limit of one exam can be made up if excused in advance by the instructor and supported with appropriate documentation.

**Attendance/Participation:**

Students are expected to attend class and participate in discussions. This represents 10% of the grade. Students are expected to read the assigned material prior to class.

**Presentation:**

Students will be required to give a 10-15 minute group presentation to the class. Handouts, overheads, etc. can be used to increase presentation effectiveness.

**General Information:**

This class will stress policy problems that exist within the health care industry and help the student develop a framework for understanding issues and proposed solutions. We will also discuss each of the groups and institutions involved in both the demand and supply side of the health care economic equation. Students will be required to use analytical reasoning and critical pathway thinking to discuss each.

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## **Emergency Evacuation Procedures**

**\*\*When the fire alarm goes off it is required by State law and by University policy that everyone evacuate the building.**

When evacuating the building or work area:

- Stay calm: do not rush or panic
- Safely stop your work
- If it is safe to do so, quickly gather your personal belongings: take **prescription medicines** and **keys** with you
- If it is safe to do so, close office door and windows, **DO NOT LOCK THEM**
- Use the nearest safe stairs and proceed to the nearest exit. Look overhead for exit signs.
- Help others identify safe passage out of the building.
- Do not use the elevators.
- Persons with handicaps should remain in the nearest stairwell until an Emergency Responder comes to help.
- Proceed to the designated Emergency Assembly Location (EAL).
- You will receive status updates from designated personnel at the EAL as they become available
- Stay together as a class outside in the EAL and await instruction

**See Evacuation Map for Specific Route**

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***CLASS SCHEDULE***

<b><u>Date</u></b>	<b><u>Text Chapter/Book</u></b>
8/26	Opening/Overview
9/2	Physicians and Medical Education Introduction Chapter 4 (US Health Systems)
9/9	Labor Issues/Nursing Chapter 5 (US Health Systems) Chapter 6 (Health Policy)
9/16	Hospitals/Public Health Chapter 7 (US Health Systems) Chapter 5(Health Policy)
9/23	Mental Health Review For Exam I Group Work and Discussion Chapter 9 (Health Policy)
9/30	<b>MIDTERM I</b>
10/7	Long Term Care/Ambulatory Care Chapters 6 and 8 (US Health Systems) Chapter 4 (Health Policy)
10/14	Financing Health Care Chapters 2 and 3 (US Health Systems) Chapter 8 and 9 (Health Policy)
10/21	Financing Health Care Chapters 2 and 3 (US Health Systems) Chapters 8 and 9 (Health Policy)
10/28	Health Policy and Health Status Chapters 1 and 2 (Health Policy)

<b><u>Date</u></b>	<b><u>Text Chapter/Book</u></b>
11/4	<b>MIDTERM II</b>
11/11	Veteran's Day-No Class
11/18	Access to Care International Health Systems Health Care Reform/Ethics, Values and Ideology Chapters 3 and 11 and 12 (Health Policy) PAPER DUE
11/25	Managed Care/Quality of Care Chapters 7 and 10 (Health Policy) Chapter 10 (US Health Systems)
12/2	Student Presentations
12/9	Student Presentations
12/18	Final