

**ECONOMICS 504/604, HEALTH CARE MANAGEMENT 504/604
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Tuesday, 5:30 to 8:20 PM, 303 STRO**

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Textbooks: Phelps, Health Economics (fifth edition)

REQUIREMENTS FOR THE COURSE

1. There will be two exams through the course of the semester. Two midterm exams will be of the same length and will cover approximately half of the material. The midterm exams will not be comprehensive. The final exam will be comprehensive. The exams will be challenging and will require independent thought. The exams will be a mixture of multiple choice and essay questions.
2. Extra reading in the form of assigned journal, newspaper, or web articles will be given and will be used for one discussion class during the course of the semester. The assigned reading will be given one week ahead of time. Students will be required to read the article, turn in a brief and accurate summary of the article, and participate in the classroom discussion for full credit. Exam questions may also come from the reading and class discussion.
3. A research paper on a topic of interest to you is also required. Since the paper is a major part of your grade it should be no less than 8 pages (excluding bibliography) and no more than 15 pages. Of course, the topic must be in the general area of health economics. The paper must be done with at least one other student in the course and no more than two other students. The paper will be a synthesis of research already done on a particular topic. A paper of this type should include an introduction explaining why the topic is of interest and identifying the main points to be covered; the main body which reviews research in the area and synthesizes the research; and a conclusion which summarizes the final results of the research and suggests the direction needed for future research. An outline of the paper will be required.

Since the paper is a large project it is important that you begin it early in the semester.

4. The grading for the course will be as follows:

<u>ASSIGNMENT</u>	<u>PERCENTAGE OF FINAL GRADE</u>
Discussion Class	10 percent
Exam I	30 percent
Exam II	30 percent
Paper	30 percent

There will be opportunity for extra credit on all of the exams. Letter grades will be assigned based upon the total points and the best judgment of the instructor. **I will use the +/- grading system.** Students will be informed of their current grade after each assignment. In general, I will follow the following grading scale, although this can be adjusted at my discretion:

A	A-	B+	B	B-	C+	C	C-	D+	D	F
> 93.5	90-93.5	87-90	83.5-87	80-83.5	77-80	73.5-77	70-73.5	67-70	60-67	< 60

5. Course policies are as follows. There will be no extra credit except for that mentioned in 4 above. There will be no makeup exams. The only time the exam may be taken is during the scheduled time. All exams will be given in class. Attendance will not be taken at other times, though regular attendance will have a positive impact on your grade. You should note that attendance is especially important for a night class, where missing a single class equates to a week in a regular day class.

Academic Integrity Policy: Any student detected participating in any form of academic dishonesty will be subject to sanctions as described in the Student Academic Integrity Policies and Procedures (<http://www.missouristate.edu/provost/AcademicIntegrity.html>). It is your responsibility to read and fully understand MSU's Student Academic Integrity Policies and Procedures.

No cell phones are allowed to be used in class for any purpose.

MSU is an EO/AA institution and maintains a grievance procedure incorporating due process available to any person who believes he or she has been discriminated against. The instructor will make reasonable accommodations for students with disabilities. This includes students with an English as a second language handicap. Please see the instructor if you need such accommodation. Students wishing to take exams or quizzes through the Learning Diagnostic Center must contact Disability Services PLS 405, 836-4192 (<http://www.missouristate.edu/disability>) and provide documentation of the disability.

6. COURSE CALENDAR. The following calendar is given so that you know **EXACTLY** when the exams and the paper assignments are due. You must strictly follow the calendar. As noted above, there will be **NO** late papers or tests allowed.

Aug 19	First Day of Classes
Sep 23	Discussion Class
Oct 2	Paper Topic and Outline Due
Oct 7	Exam I
Nov 25	No Tuesday Night Classes
Dec 2	Paper Due
Dec 2	Last Day of Class
Dec 9	Final Exam from 5:45 to 7:45 pm (303 STRO)

7. READING LIST. The purpose of this course is to teach students to apply economic theory to health care issues and markets. To this end the following reading list informs you of the topics we are likely to cover in the class and the reading assigned for each topic. However, the reading list is not inviolate and may be changed as circumstances warrant. We will discuss in class periodically exactly where we are in the reading list as well as (perhaps) the assignment of additional readings. Numbers in the reading list refer to chapters from Phelps.

<u>Topic</u>	<u>Assignment</u>
Introduction	1
Micro Principles Review, New Economic Tools	
An Overview of the Medical Care Market	1, 2, 3
The Demand and Supply of Medical Care	4, 5
Secondary Markets: Physician Services	6, 7
Secondary Markets: Hospital Services	8, 9
Health Insurance	10, 11, 12
Medical Malpractice	13 and web