

HP&M 837 / PUAD 827 (Fall 2006)
Health Care Policy & Administration
4:10-7:00 Monday; 1014 Orr-Major

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[*Wed. 4-6 at the Lawrence campus; appointments before/after class at KUMC]

Course Overview:

The course is designed as a seminar where a high level of student participation is expected and will be encouraged. This is because meaningful learning of a subject as complex and dynamic as health policy requires a high level of engagement.

The academic literature on health policy is multi-disciplinary and vast. Also, health policy touches our personal and professional lives in many ways, some more vexing than others. Therefore, it will be difficult to cover the entire domain of health policy in a comprehensive manner to everyone's satisfaction. We will, therefore, focus on selected themes and attempt to understand it in as much depth as is possible.

Course Objectives:

After completing this class, you will be able to:

1. Describe the historical evolution of the US health care systems and its present day consequences.
2. Have an understanding of theoretical models of policymaking processes and apply this understanding to current health care policy issues.
3. Know key actors in the health policy arena and better understand innate difficulties of advancing policy goals of access, cost and quality simultaneously.
4. Discuss and understand the difficulties of achieving goals sets out in the policy formulation process during the policy implementation phase.
5. Analyze a current health policy issue in detail.
6. Articulate policy positions in a thoughtful and persuasive manner in both written and oral formats.

Readings:

There is no text for the class. A selection of readings arranged in thematic categories will be used. A list of readings is provided below and electronic version of the readings for student's use only will be provided through secure systems such as Blackboard. Note that this list of readings as well as the schedule is subject to change.

Course Policies:

- 1) Borrowing and building upon others' ideas is accepted in academia. What is not acceptable is presenting other's ideas as your own without acknowledging it as such. Please be sure to consult the following page on KU Writing Center's website to understand and avoid plagiarism (<http://www.writing.ku.edu/students/guides.shtml#2>).

More details on consequences of plagiarism and other academic misconduct can be found at <http://www.ku.edu/~unigov/usrr.html#art2sect6>

- 2) If you need specific consideration and accommodation for a disability, please discuss it with me as soon as possible so that we can consider and take appropriate steps with respect to class requirements and accommodations.

Assignments and Grading:

You will earn grades by completing the following assignments:

Attendance and Participation:	100 Points
Current Policy Issue Presentation:	100 Points
Policy Debate:	100 Points
Policy Analysis Report	200 Points

The final grade will be based on the following scheme:

- A -- 450+
- B -- 400 to 449
- C -- 350 to 399

Attendance and participation grade will be based on: 1) attendance; 2) quality of participation and 3) completing an online (or in-class) quiz for all class sessions from August 28th to October 30th.

For the *current policy issue presentation*, you are expected to do an oral presentation in class, provide a handout that presents an outline of your presentation and a list of references. Further guidelines will be provided.

For the *policy debate*, you will prepare a written report and participate in a classroom debate. Further guidelines will be provided.

Policy analysis report is a semester long activity, for which you are required to research the policy backdrop of a pressing current health policy problem and develop policy options. The deliverables are a final report and a presentation in class. Further guidelines will be provided.

Course Calendar*

**Subject to changes (Specifically, this schedule may be modified to provide opportunities to engage with policymakers.)*

Week 1 (Aug 21) Introduction and Overview

- * Signup for oral presentation
- * Signup for policy debates
- * Discuss plan for Policy Analysis Report

Week 2 (Aug 28) Public Policy – Basics

Kraft, Michael E. and Scott R. Furlong. 2006. *Public Policy: Politics, Analysis and Alternatives, 2nd Edition*. Washington, DC: CQ Press. (pp. 2-27 & pp. 63-89).

***** **September 4, Labor Day – No Class** *****

Week 3 (Sep 11) US Health Care System: A Historical Overview

Scott, W. Richard. 2003. The Old Order Changeth: The Evolving World of Health Care Organizations. In Stephen S. Mick and Mindy E. Wyttenbach (Eds.) *Advances in Health Care Organization Theory*. San Francisco, CA: Jossey Bass. (pp. 23-43.)

Starr, Paul. 1982. *The Social Transformation of American Medicine: The Rise of a Sovereign Profession and the Making of a Vast Industry*. Basic Books (pp. 420-449)

- * Policy Analysis Report Topic Discussed and Approved

Week 4 (Sep 18) Health Policy and Crises

Spitz, Bruce and John Abramson. 2005. When Health Policy is the Problem: A Report from the Field. *Journal of Health Politics, Policy and Law*. 30(3): 327-365.

Week 5 (Sep 25) At the crossroads of Policy and Administration

Weissert, C.S. and Weissert, W.G. 2002. *Governing Health: The Politics of Health policy, 2nd Edition*. Baltimore: The Johns Hopkins University Press. (pp. 154-191)

Week 6 (Oct 2) Interest Groups

Weissert, C.S. and Weissert, W.G. 2002. *Governing Health: The Politics of Health policy, 2nd Edition*. Baltimore: The Johns Hopkins University Press. (pp. 110-153)

Week 7 (Oct 9) Federalism / Devolution

Bovjberg, Randall R., Joshua M. Wiener, and John Holahan. 2003. State and Federal Roles in Health Care: Rationales for Allocating Responsibilities. In John Holahan, Alan Weil and Joshua Wiener (eds.) *Federalism and Health Policy*. Washington, DC: The Urban Institute Press. (pp. 25-57)

Pandey, Sanjay K. 2002. Assessing State Efforts to Meet Baby Boomers' Long-term Care Needs: A Case Study in Compensatory Federalism. *Journal of Aging and Social Policy*. 14(3/4): 161-179.

Week 8 (Oct 16) Cost Containment

Remler, Dahlia K. and Sherry A. Glied. 2006. How Much More Cost Sharing will Health Savings Accounts Bring? *Health Affairs*. 25(4): 1070-1078.

Thorpe, Kenneth E. 2005. The Rise in HealthCare Spending and What to do about it. *Health Affairs*. 24(6): 1436-1445.

Thorpe, Kenneth E., Curtis S. Florence, David H. Howard, and Peter Joski. 2006. The Rising Prevalence of Treated Disease: Effects on Private Health Insurance Spending. *Health Affairs Web Exclusive, June 27, 2005*.

<http://content.healthaffairs.org/cgi/reprint/hlthaff.w5.317v1>

* Status Update and Feedback on Policy Analysis Report

Week 9 (Oct 23) Access

Gusmano, Michael K., Victor G. Rodwin, and Daniel Weisz. 2006. A New Way to Compare Health Systems: Avoidable Hospital Conditions in Manhattan And Paris. *Health Affairs*. 25(2): 510-520.

Moy, Ernest, Elizabeth Dayton, and Carolyn M. Clancy. 2005. Compiling the Evidence: The National Healthcare Disparities Reports. *Health Affairs*. 24(2): 376-387.

Monheit, Alan C., Joel C. Cantor, Margaret Koller, and Kimberley S. Fox. 2004. Community Rating and Sustainable Individual Health Insurance Markets in New Jersey. *Health Affairs*. 23(4): 167-175.

Pandey, Sanjay K. and Joel C. Cantor 2004. The Changing Profile of the Urban Uninsured: Exploring Implications of the Rise in Number of Moderate-Income Uninsured. *Journal of Urban Health*. 81(1): 135-149.

Week 10 (Oct 30) Quality

Chassin, Mark R. 2002. Achieving and Sustaining Improved Quality: Lessons From New York State and Cardiac Surgery. *Health Affairs*. 21(4): 40-51.

Rodwin, Marc A. 1994. Patient Accountability and Quality of Care: Lessons From Medical Consumerism and the Patients' Rights, Women's Health and Disability Rights Movements. *American Journal of Law and Medicine*. 20(1&2): 147-167.

Week 11 (Nov 6) Special Topic: Pharmaceutical Agents and Public Policy

TBA

* Written Position Paper for the Debate Due

Week 12 (Nov 13) Presentations

Week 13 (Nov 20) Presentations

*****Thanksgiving Break*****

Week 14 (Nov 27) Presentations

Week 15 (Dec 4) Presentations

* Policy Analysis Report Due