

**Economics 4646-001: Health Economics
Spring 2013 Course Syllabus (Preliminary)**

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Course Description

Health economics is a growing field and is an important aspect of public policy in developed and developing countries. This course is designed to introduce upper level undergraduate students in economics to the field of Health Economics. The provision and production of health care have different characteristics and incentives from other consumer goods making health related markets a unique topic for study. We will cover a number of topics including basic economic concepts important for the study in health economics, whh0.2 (c) 0.2 (c) 0.2 (t) 0.2(of) -0.r basicn hect f (t) 0.2 j ET Q q 0.4f1 Tf (

Students with Disabilities

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If you have a temporary medical condition or injury, see Temporary Injuries under Quick Links at

Reading List by Topic

1. Introduction and Overview (FSG 1 - Introduction)

Mehrotra, Ateev, Adams Dudley, and Harold Luft, 2003. "What's Behind the Health Expenditure Trend," *Annual Review of Public Health*.

Supplemental Reading

Davis, Karen et al. 2007. "Slowing the Growth of U.S. Health Care Expenditures: What Are The Options?" *The Common Wealth Fund*

2. Micro Review (FSG 2 – Microeconomic Tools for Health Economics)

3. Impact Evaluation

Chapters 3, 4, 6 of

Gertler, Paul, Sebastian Martinez, Patrick Premand, Laura Rawlings, Christel Vermeersch. 2011 *Impact Evaluation in Practice*. The World Bank Washington DC.

Supplementary Readings

Martin Ravallion, 2001 "The Mystery of the Vanishing Benefits: An Introduction to Impact Evaluation," *The World Bank Economic Review* 15(1), 115-140.

Laura Rawlings, 2005. "A New Approach to Social Assistance: Latin American's Experience with Conditional Cash Transfer Programmes," *International Social Security Review* 58(2), 133-161.

4. Measures of Health, Modeling Health Production, and Demand for Health Care

FSG 5 The Production of health

FSG 7 Demand for Health Capital

FSG 9 Consumer Choice and Demand

Wagstaff, Adam 1986. "The Demand for Health: Theory and Applications," *Journal of Epidemiology and Community Health* 40(1), 1-11.

FSG 10 Asymmetric Information and Agency

FSG 11 The Organization of Health Insurance Markets – Don't go through much of this.

FSG 12 Managed Care

Manning, Willard G., et al. 1987. "Health Insurance and the Demand for Medical Care: Evidence from

Readings to be assigned closer to date of class so they are up-to-date

11. Health and Development

FSG 24 Epidemiology and Economics: HIV/AIDs in Africa

Miguel, Edward. 2005. "Health, Education and Economic Development," in Guillem Lopez-Casasnovas, Berta Rivera and Luis Currais eds. *Health and Economic Growth: Findings and Policy Implications*. MIT Press.

Sala-i-Martin, Xavier. 2005. "On The Health Poverty Trap," in Guillem Lopez-Casasnovas, Berta Rivera and Luis Currais eds. *Health and Economic Growth: Findings and Policy Implications*. MIT Press. READ section 2.

Strauss, John and Duncan Thomas. 1998. "Health, Nutrition, and Economic Development" *Journal of Economic Literature*. 36(2), 766-817. (READ TO PAGE 775 – read rest for general interest)

Supplementary Readings

Asian Development Bank. 2004. "Chapter 3: HIV/AIDS and Economic Development," in *Economics and Challenge of AIDS*.

Baird, Sarah, Joan Hick, Michael Kremer, and Edward Miguel. May 2011. "Worms at Work: Long-run Impact of Child Health Gains" http://www.cgdev.org/doc/events/KLPS-Labor_2011-05-16-Circulate.pdf

Bloom, David, David Canning and Jaypee Sevilla. November 2001. "The Effect of Health on Economic Growth: Theory and Evidence", NBER Working Paper 8587.

Canning, David. 2006. "The Economics of HIV/AIDS in Low-Income Countries: The Case for Prevention," *Journal of Economic Perspectives* Prevention, "i1o7(pe) 0e Econom