

## **Economics 4646-001: Health Economics Fall 2009 Course Syllabus**

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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 marketH e a

## **Homework**

There will be three home works each worth 5 percent of your grade. These homeworks will involve answering short and/or long questions. These will entail you doing some of your own research and analysis. You will be given the homework 1 to 2 weeks in advance and they are due in the beginning of class on the due date. You will lose a grade per day late. If you hand the homework in after the beginning of class you will lose a grade.

Homework 1: Moral Hazard and Adverse Selection – Due Sept. 23<sup>rd</sup>

Homework 2: International Comparisons – Due Oct. 16<sup>th</sup>

## **Students with Disabilities**

If you qualify for accommodations because of a disability, please submit to me a letter from Disability Services by Sept 2nd so that your needs may be addressed. Disability Services determines accommodations based on documented disabilities. Contact: 303-492-8671, Willard 322, and <http://www.Colorado.EDU/disabilityservices>



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