



Department of Economics Course Outline

Course:	Economics 379 [The Economics of Health]	Term:	Summer 2014
Time:	TR 18:00 - 20:45	Section:	01
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Textbook(s):

Health Economics, 1st edition, by Jeremiah E. Hurley, McGraw-Hill Ryerson

Book(s) on Reserve:

Health Economics, 1st edition, by Jeremiah E. Hurley, McGraw-Hill Ryerson
The Economics of Health & Health Care, by Folland, Goodman & Stano, Prentice-Hall, 7th ed, 2013.

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This course provides students with basic knowledge of understanding how health system works and critical approach to analyze prevalent debates about health issues in modern societies from an economic perspective. Topics covered in this course often do not have country-specific context, however when it comes to design and institutional features of the system, the emphasis will be on the Canadian health care system. A tentative outline of materials which will be covered is as follows:

Class	Topic	Text
July 3	Introduction & Efficiency and Equity	Chapters 1-2
July 8	The Basics of Markets	Chapter 3
July 10	Methods of Economic Evaluation & Individual-level Demand for and Production of Health	Chapters 4-5
July 15	The Determinants of Health & The Nature of Health Care as an Economic Commodity	Chapters 6-7
July 17	The Demand for Health Care & The Demand for Health Care Insurance	Chapters 8-9
July 22	Health Care Insurance Markets	Chapter 10
July 24	Mid-term	1-10
July 29	Financing Health Care	Chapter 11
July 31	Funding Health Care	Chapter 12
August 5	Physicians, Their Practices, and the Market for Physician	Chapter 13
August 7	Health Care Institutions: Hospitals	Chapter 14

August 12	Pharmaceuticals	Chapter 15
August 14	Aging and Technology & Review	Chapter 16

Desire2Learn: This course will make use of the Desire2Learn (D2L) platform. Students who are registered in the course can log on at <http://d2l.ucalgary.ca> using or through their student centre. Please note that D2L features a class e-mail list that may be used to distribute course-related information. It is your responsibility to ensure that D2L uses the e-mail address of your choice. The default is your University of Calgary e-mail address.

Grade Determination and Final Examination Details:

Midterm Examination	July 24	30%
Assignments		30%
Final Examination		40%

Tests and final exams are marked on a numerical (percentage) basis, and then converted to letter grades. The course grade is then calculated using the weights indicated above. As a guide to determining standing, these letter grade equivalences will apply:

A+	95 – 100	B	73 - 76	C-	60 - 62
A	85 - 94	B-	70 - 72	D+	56 - 59
A-	80 - 84	C+	67 - 69	D	50 - 55
B+	77 - 79	C	63 - 66	F	0 - 49

Non-programmable calculators WILL be allowed during the writing of tests or final examinations.

There will be a Registrar scheduled final examination, lasting 2 hours.

All students must comply with the regulations published in the University Calendar concerning “Intellectual Honesty,” “Examinations,” etc.

Students who are unable to write the midterm because of an illness, family emergency or religious observance will have the midterm weight shifted to the final examination.

Documentation MUST be provided.

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Society of Undergraduates in Economics (S.U.E.):

www.ucalgary.ca/sue

Society of Undergraduates in Economics is a student run organization whose main purpose is to assist undergraduate economics students succeed both academically and socially at the University of Calgary. Services include access to the exam bank, career partnerships with the Career Centre through hosting industry nights and information sessions, recognizing achievements in teaching, and organizing social events for members. They invite you to join by contacting sue@ucalgary.ca.

Faculty of Arts Program Advising and Student Information Resources

- Have a question, but not sure where to start? The Faculty of Arts Program Information Centre (PIC) is your information resource for everything in Arts! Drop in at SS102, call them at 403-220-3580 or email them at artsads@ucalgary.ca. You can also visit the Faculty of Arts website at <http://arts.ucalgary.ca/undergraduate> which has detailed information on common academic concerns.
- For program planning and advice, contact the Student Success Centre (formerly the Undergraduate programs Office) at 403-220-5881 or visit them on the 3rd Floor of the Taylor Family Digital Library.
- For registration (add/drop/swap), paying fees and assistance with your Student Centre, contact Enrolment Services at 403-210-ROCK [7625] or visit them in the MacKimmie Library Block.
- Online writing resources are available at <http://ucalgary.ca/ssc/writing-support/online-writing-resources>

Notes:

- It is the student's responsibility to request academic accommodations. If you are a student with a documented disability who may require academic accommodation and have not registered with the Disability Resource Centre, please contact their office at 403-220-8237. Students who have not registered with the Disability Resource Centre are not eligible for formal academic accommodation. You are also required to discuss your needs with your instructor no later than seven (7) days after the start of this course.
- Students seeking reappraisal of a piece of graded term work should discuss their work with the instructor *within seven days* of work being returned to class.

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Emergency Assembly Point: Professional Faculties Food Court
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