



Department of Economics Course Outline

		Term:	Winter 2005
Course:	Economics 379 [The Economics of Health]	Section:	01
Time:	MWF 12:00-12:50	Place:	ST132
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Textbook(s):

The Economics of Health and Health Care, 4th edition, by Folland, Goodman and Stano, Prentice Hall Canada.

Reserved Readings:

The Economics of Health and Health Care, 4th edition, by Folland, Goodman and Stano, Prentice Hall Canada.

Blackboard:

This course will make use of Blackboard - students who are registered in the course can log on at <http://blackboard.ucalgary.ca/webapps/login>

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1.	Introduction	Chapter	1
2.	Review from the economist's toolbox	Chapters	2 & 3

3.	The production of health	Chapters	4 & 5
4.	The demand for health	Chapter	6
5.	Prices, insurance and consumer behaviour	Chapters	7, 8 & 9
6.	Provider behaviour and incentives	Chapters	9, 10 & 15
7.	Health care delivery systems	Parts of Chapters	13, 17 ? 21
8.	Economic evaluation of health care	Chapter	24

Grade Determination and Final Examination Details:

Midterm Examinations	3 @ 20%	60%	
Final Examination	1 @ 40%	40%	3 Hours - Registrar Scheduled

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 generally apply:

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

If, for some reason, the distribution of grades determined using the aforementioned conversion chart appears to be abnormal the instructor reserves the right to change the grade conversion chart if the instructor, *at the instructor's discretion*, feels it is necessary to more fairly represent student achievement.

Non-programmable calculators will be allowed during the writing of tests and final examinations.

There will be a Registrar scheduled final examination, lasting 3 hours. The final exam will be cumulative.

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Notes:

- Students seeking reappraisal of a piece of graded term work (term paper, essay, etc.) should discuss their work with the Instructor within two weeks of the work being returned to the class. Requests for reappraisal must be submitted in writing.
- Make-up examinations and deferred examinations will not be given. Also, examinations will not be given before the indicated dates.
- Students' exams will be returned during regular class time. Papers may also be picked up by students during regular office hours.

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