



University of Maryland, College Park

Health Policy Classes

Undergraduate

Department	Class and Description	Professor	How Often Offered
Anthropology	ANTH 410 Theory and Practice of Health and Community Development (3). Junior standing. Also offered as ANTH610. Credit will be granted for only one of the following: ANTH410 or ANTH610. Introduction to the relationships between culture, health status and practices, and the design of community-based initiatives. The focus is on the use of anthropological knowledge and skills in the analysis of such relationships and in the design of community-based initiatives.	Whitehead, T. TWHITEHE@ANTH.UMD.EDU 301-405-1419	One semester per year
Economics	ECON 465 Health Care Economics (3). Prerequisite: ECON306. Analysis of health care, the organization of its delivery and financing. Access to care; the role of insurance; regulation of hospitals, physicians, and the drug industry; role of technology; and limits on health care spending.		Not offered this year
Public and Community Health	HLTH 130 Introduction to Public and Community Health (3). Not open to non-majors with more than 60 credits. Not open to students who have completed HLTH105. Credit will be granted for only one of the following: HLTH105 or HLTH130. Formerly HLTH 105. An introduction to the theory and practice of public and community health. The influence of public health professionals on the past, present, and future health status of society through the examination of critical health issues will be described. Programming models, theories and policy development are included.	Howard, D. DHOWARD1@UMD.EDU 301-405-2520 Griffin, M. MELGRIF3@UMD.EDU 301 405 2551	Two semesters per year
Public and Community Health	HLTH 140 Personal and Community Health (3). Meaning and significance of physical, mental and social health as related to the individual and to society; important phases of national health problems; constructive methods of promoting health of the individual and the community.	Howard, K. KLH@UMD.EDU 301-405-3453 Ko, M. MJKO@UMD.EDU 301-405-2465	Two semesters, winter and summer
Philosophy	PHIL 342 Moral Problems in Medicine (3). Prerequisite: PHIL100, PHIL140, or permission of department. A critical examination of the moral dimensions of decision-making in health related contexts. Readings are drawn from philosophical, medical, and other sources.		Not offered this year
Public and Community Health	HLTH 391. Principles of Community Health I (3). The purpose of this course is to provide a broad overview of community health. Health promotion, consumer health, public health, school health, environmental health, preventive medicine, human biology, the health care system, individual health behaviors, and health policy are examined in relation to community health.	Desmond, S. DESMOND@UMD.EDU	Not offered this year
Public and Community Health	HLTH 460. Minority Health (3). Prerequisite: HLTH140 or HLTH230 or permission of department. The class examines the health concerns of U.S. ethnic	Desmond, S DESMOND@UMD.EDU	Offered during the summer

	minority groups and the factors that place them at elevated risk for disease and injury. It also covers health education concepts and strategies that would help reduce disparities between minority health status and the health status of the general population		session
Public and Community Health	HLTH 490. Principles of Community Health II (3). Students will be involved in the applied aspects of community health education. Students will apply theory to actual community problems and learn to plan, develop, and evaluate programs while working in project teams. Each team will select a community health problem and develop a proposal to address the problem. This course will help students gain confidence in their ability to function as community health educators and prepare them for their internship experience.	Lori Marks LNMARKS@UMD.EDU	
University Course	UNIV 348. Federal Semester Seminar: Federal Health Policy (3). For Federal Semester participants only. The class is designed to help students understand the American health policy system at the federal level. An introduction to U.S. health policy will help students understand the complexity of the American health system and many of the challenges the nation must confront in order to address health care needs. The course emphasizes current health care trends and their implications for health policy and examines several of the key organizations and institutions that shape health policy and the delivery of health care. The varied effects of health policies and programs on different populations will be explored. In particular differences in health status and health care access for racial and ethnic minorities and those from lower socioeconomic classes will be presented. The course will provide an overview of the process of policy formation, implementation, and evaluation.	Anderson, E. EANDERS@UMD.EDU	Offered during the fall semester

Graduate

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Anthropology	ANTH 610 Advanced Studies in Theory and Practice of Health and Community Development (3). Also offered as ANTH 410. Credit will be granted for only one of the following: ANTH 610 or ANTH 410. Introduction to the relationships between culture, health status and practices, and the design of community-based initiatives. The focus is on the use of anthropological knowledge and skills in the analysis of such relationships and in the design of community-based initiatives.	Whitehead, T. TWHITEHE@ANTH.UMD.EDU 301-405-1419	One semester per year
Economics	ECON 665 Health Economics (3). Prerequisite: ECON603 and (ECON621 or ECON624); or permission of department. The determinants of health and how health care markets operate are examined by utilizing quantitative and analytic economic tools. Topics covered include: measuring health outcomes; the determinants of health; the government control of unhealthy behavior; the demand and supply of health insurance; markets for medical care; social insurance programs such as Medicare and Medicaid; the causes and consequences of medical innovation; the role of		Not offered this year

	non-profits in health care; medical malpractice; covering the uninsured.		
Epidemiology and Biostatistics	EPIB 622. Social Determinants of Health (3). Prerequisite: EPIB610. The class is an overview of the major social variables that affect public health, including socioeconomic status, poverty, income distribution, race, social networks/support, community cohesion, psychological stress, gender, and work and neighborhood environment.	Lee, S. SUNMIN@UMD.EDU	Once a year during the fall semester.
Family Science	FMSC 602. Management of Family and Community Services (3). The class covers theories of management and their application to the family and community services.		Not offered this year
Family Science	FMSC750. Family and Health Policy (3). The class is an overview of the development and analysis of public policies affecting the health and well being of children, youth, and families, with an emphasis on low income and ethnic minority populations. It offers an examination of social, economic, and political dynamics that influence family and health policies and the delivery of health care. It is also an introduction to health advocacy within the US public health system	Anderson, E. EANDERS@UMD.EDU	Offered during the fall semester
Health Services Administration	HLSA601. Introduction to Health Systems (3). Formerly: HLTH688A or HLTH740. Not open to students who have completed HLTH688A or HLTH740. Credit will be granted for only one of the following: HLSA601, HLTH688A, or HLTH740. The course teaches Management and leadership skills necessary for effective public health planning, organization, management and administration. It lays emphasis on the role of institutions in learning and behavioral change process, organizational theory, administration management, and coordinating provision of community health services.	Shinogle, J. SHINOGL@UMD.EDU 301-405-6545	Offered during the fall and spring semesters.
Health Services Administration	HLSA 702 Politics and Policy of Health (3). Organizational and financial components of the U.S. health care system, including social and political forces that bind the system. Advanced political analysis of the health care system, including key issues and problems.	Simon-Rusinowitz, L. LASR@UMD.EDU 301-405-2548	One semester per year
Health Services Administration	HLSA 711 Health Care Economics and Analysis (3). Provides an analysis of health and health care services as economic goods. Using microeconomic theories, we will examine the behavior of health care providers, consumers, markets, and firms.	Shinogle, J. SHINOGL@UMD.EDU 301-405-6545	One semester per year
Health Services Administration	HLSA 720 Health Law and Ethics (3). The legal system helps determine the relationships prevailing among individuals, institutions and governments by setting out the rights, duties and powers of the various parties. This course will look at some of the more important concepts the law uses within the context of health services and public health.	Kivlighan, M. MKIVLIGH@UMD.EDU 301-405-2439	
Health Services Administration	HLSA 760 Healthcare Financial Management (3). Two hours of lecture and one hour of discussion/recitation per week. For HSLA majors only. Offers content in health services financial management with emphasis on applying traditional financial theories to health care and the health care system. Focus on decision-making using accounting and finance theories, principles, concepts and techniques most important to health care leaders.		Not offered this year

Public and Community Health	HLTH 606. Foundations of Public Health Education and Policy (3). The course examines the foundations and content of two professions, health education and public health, including the history, mission, terminology, philosophy, ethical principles and scientific foundations. Emerging and reemerging threats to the public's health will be discussed, as well as societal influences on health and health policy. Also addresses professional competencies and preparation, and the role of professional organizations	Desmond, S. DESMOND@UMD.EDU	Not offered this year
Public Health	SPHL 698A Introduction to Global Health (3). An exploration of theoretical frameworks and practical perspectives on a variety of current issues that are shaping the global health panorama. In addition, major health problems (determinants) currently affecting the low and middle-income countries will be analyzed using the following frames: biologic and epidemiologic; social, cultural and economic; environmental and geographic; sectoral, legal and institutional. The course also offers a synopsis of how international and community organizations are addressing the opportunities and risks for public health in developing countries.	Haider, M. MHAIDER@UMD.EDU	Once a year during the fall semester.
Public Policy	PUAF 698K Problems in Comparative Health Policy (3). Examines how the U.S. and other industrial nations deliver health care and attempt to control costs. Explores why countries with some variant of universal health care regularly spend a smaller percentage of GDP on health care than the U.S. Discusses the tradeoffs involved in various approaches and the varying roles of public and private resources. This is a research-oriented seminar in which students will work closely with the instructor and each other to (1) develop a research and analytic strategy, (2) prepare individual research papers, and (3) work together to prepare a final joint policy analysis.	Besharov, D. BESHAROV@UMD.EDU 301-405-6341	One semester per year
Public Policy	PUAF 735 Health Policy (3). Analyzes the origins, history, status, and future of health care as problems in political and economic theory and as puzzles in policy formation. Considers current American reform controversies in the light of several disciplines and in comparison to foreign experiences and structures.	Meyer, J. JMEYER1@UMD.EDU 301-405-6971	One semester per year