

Health Policy HP 792
Summer Session I 2008

1. Course Number: HP 792
2. Course Title: Health Care in Developing Countries
3. Hours per week: Three class hours, additional study requirements each week.
4. Semester offered: Summer Session 1
5. Credits: Three
6. Course Description: This course will cover the health care issues specific to low and middle income countries including the role of health in development, financing health care services, and evaluating health care programs.
7. Prerequisites: A course in Economics would be helpful
8. Applicable student population: Graduate students in health policy or pharmacy administration, also open to upper-level undergraduates.
9. Objectives/Goals: By the end of this course, students will be able to:
 - 1) Define the role of health and health care in low and middle income countries ;
 - 2) Differentiate various methods of financing health care; and
 - 3) Evaluate the a sampling of different countries' approaches to financing health care
 - 4) Critically compare evaluation techniques of programs in low and middle income countries
 - 5) Assess the role of Economic Globalization
10. Syllabus:
 - May 13 Class Session 1: Introduction
 - May 15 Lecture on Development as Freedom A. Sen
 - May 20: Class discussion on Development as Freedom – Students prepare a short essay and present on a topic TBA
 - May 22: Lecture on the White Man's Burden W.Easterly
 - May 27: Class discussion on– White Man's Burden Students prepare a short essay and present on a topic TBA
 - May 29: Lecture on Rx for Survival by Philip Hilts
 - June 3: Class discussion on Rx for Survival –Students prepare a short essay and present on a topic TBA
 - June 5: Catch up session—discussion of synthesis of ideas presented in the first three reading assignments
 - June 10: Topical Discussion on Issues of Health – Disease Control Priorities in Developing Countries 2nd Edition (specific chapters will be assigned in advance and may be downloaded) – Student Choose a topic of interest
 - June 12: Lecture on Pathologies of Power by Paul Farmer
 - June 17: Class discussion on Pathologies of Power – and relate topics from Sen, Easterly, and Hilts to their issue of Choice
 - June 19: Student presentations

Final Paper Due July 1

11. Text(s): Rx for Survival by Philip Hilts

The White Man's Burden by W. Easterly

Pathologies of Power, P. Farmer 2005

Development as Freedom by Amartya Sen

Disease Control Priorities in Developing Countries, 2nd Edition (sections may be downloaded)

12. Grading: Short papers (4) 15% each

Oral Presentation 15% -- Student Choice in an area of interest

Final Paper 25% -- Students will pick one low/middle income country and report on an ongoing health program, health priorities, issues in delivery of care, and sustainability.