

~ UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA ~
COLLEGE OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND HEALTH PROFESSIONS
HSA 3111 – US HEALTH CARE SYSTEM
SECTION 3419 – COURSE SYLLABUS

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Monday: Period 6: 12:50 to 1:40pm

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REQUIRED TEXT: Shi, L., Singh, D.A., 2010, Essentials of the U.S. Health Care System (Third Edition), Sudbury, MA: Jones and Bartlett Publishers Inc.

COURSE DESCRIPTION: This course provides an overview of the American Health Care System, primarily as it has developed during the past century. Students are expected to achieve a basic understanding of the system in anticipation of future careers and employment in the health care industry.

REQUIREMENTS: The course is organized in a lecture format. The lectures will be linked to assigned headings in the text, but will include material not found in the readings. Given the recent passage of The Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (Public Law 111-148) as well as the current national conversation about health care, it is expected that time will be devoted throughout the course to discussions of the new law, its implementation, critiques, concerns and the like. In some instances, reading materials that are particularly germane to specific topics may emerge over the course of the semester and will be added to the syllabus. Students are expected to complete all reading assignments and to attend all lectures.

EVALUATION: There will be mid-term and final **examinations** both counting equally. There will be a **Current Events Project**. Opportunities for extra credit or make-up work will be extremely limited and available only in the most unusual of circumstances. ****Lecture Notes, Slides and related materials presentations will be placed on the course website after the lecture**** at <https://lss.at.ufl.edu/>

Students are expected to attend and be prepared to participate in all class sessions. Personal issues with respect to class attendance or fulfillment of course requirements will be handled on an individual basis. Only under the most extenuating circumstances will changes to class requirements be made.

Use of cell phones or laptop computers is not permitted in class!

Students with Disabilities: Students requiring classroom, examination or other accommodation must first register with the Dean of Students Office, which will provide documentation to the student. The student should then provide this documentation to the instructor.

STATEMENT OF UNIVERSITY'S HONESTY POLICY
(CHEATING AND USE OF COPYRIGHTED MATERIALS)

Students are expected to act in accordance with the University of Florida policy on academic integrity (see Graduate Student Handbook for details). Cheating or plagiarism in any form is unacceptable and inexcusable behavior.

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pledge to hold ourselves and our peers to the
highest standards of honesty and integrity.**

COURSE OUTLINE: This course is organized into FIVE parts:

<i>Date</i>	<i>Topic</i>	<i>Reading</i>	<i>Due</i>
1. Introduction			
Aug 21: Weds	Introduction: Review of Literature and PubMed		
Aug 26: Mon	Beliefs, Values, Health and Healthcare: The Distinctive US Health Care System	CH 1, 2	
Aug 28: Weds	Understanding the Historical Context	CH 3	
Sep 2: Mon	NO CLASS - Labor Day Holiday		
Sep 4: Weds	Access and Cost: National and State Initiatives	CH 12	
2. Delivery of Personal Health Services			
Sep 9: Mon	Physicians	Pg. 82-89	
Sep 11: Weds	Physicians: Other Health Professionals	Pg. 89-104	
Sep 16: Mon	Other Health Professionals	Pg. 89-104	
Sep 18: Weds	The Role and Impact of Technology	CH 5	
Sep 23: Mon	Outpatient and Primary Care	CH 7	
Sep 25: Weds	Home Health, Nursing, and LTC	CH 10	
Sep 30: Mon	Hospitals	CH 8	
Oct 2: Weds	Hospitals		
Oct 7: Mon	Group Project Work		
Oct 9: Weds	Mid Term Exam Review		
Oct 14: Mon	MID-TERM		Exam
3. Paying for Personal Health Services			
Oct 16: Weds	Health Services Financing / National Health Care Expenditures – An Overview	CH 6, 12	Groups assigned

Oct 21: Mon	Private Health Insurance	CH 6	
Oct 23: Weds	Medicare and Medicaid	CH 6	
4. Special Issues and Special Populations			
Oct 28: Mon	Managed Care and Integrated Organizations	CH 9	
Oct 30: Weds	Other Payment Mechanisms		
Nov 4: Mon	Mental Health and Mental Health Services	CH 11	
Nov 6: Weds	Women's Health; Children's Health	CH 11	
Nov 11: Mon	NO CLASS - VETERANS DAY HOLIDAY		
Nov 13: Weds	Public and Population Health	TBA	
Nov 18: Mon	Minority Populations and Health Disparities	CH 11	
Nov 20: Weds	Telemedicine and the importance of Place		
4. Special Issues and Special Populations			
Nov 25: Mon	Liability and Medical Malpractice: Looking to the Future	CH 14	Group Project Due; 12am
Nov 27: Weds	NO CLASS - Thanksgiving HOLIDAY		
Dec 2: Mon	Review and Prep for Final Exam		
Dec 4: Weds	Final Exam		Exam

GRADING: Students may earn a maximum of 100 points toward their final grade. The mid-term and final examinations will each provide the opportunity to earn 35 points. The project will be worth up to 20 points. The remaining 10 points will reflect attendance and class participation. The total number of points earned will be transformed to letter grades as follows:

93-100 = 4.0 (A)
90-92 = 3.67 (A-)
87-89 = 3.33 (B+)
83-86 = 3.00 (B)

80-82 = 2.67 (B-)
77-79 = 2.33 (C+)
73-76 = 2.00 (C)
70-72 = 1.67 (C-)

67-69 = 1.33 (D+)
63-66 = 1.00 (D)
60-62 = 0.67 (D-)
Below 60 = 0 (E)