

Course ID	Course Description	Course Objectives
<p>ESCD 7610 Health Policy Analysis</p>	<p>The primary aim of this course is to present an overview of health policy in American government – its scope, its dynamics, and its conceptual and practical dilemmas – to students relatively new to the study of policy. More concretely, the course is designed to acquaint students with major issues involved in formulating, implementing and assessing those patterns of decision (i.e., policy) established by government. Because the study of policy is essentially interdisciplinary, readings for the course have been drawn from several fields, including sociology, political science, and economics. Since we are all students of health policy in some manner, most of the readings are related to health issues. The study of public policy is the study of the nature and consequences of governmental decision, and, as such, it covers a wide range of sub-fields and issues. In one semester this course can only highlight some of the interests of scholars in the field. It is hoped that some of your reading and thinking here will stimulate you to direct further research.</p> <p>This course will be conducted as a seminar emphasizing group discussion as opposed to a lecture course, so student involvement in discussion and preparation is essential. Application of the impact of policy on one’s own career as a health manager or researcher must be done by the student through syntheses of the</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Describe the forces and factors accounting for legislation and regulation pertaining to health services. 2. Evaluate why the “market” in health services is or is not a policy issue. 3. Identify the public policy implications of Medicare and Medicaid and the private sector. 4. Critically evaluate the research literature that examines the federal and state role in health services. 5. Evaluate current proposals advanced in Congress and by the private sector which impact upon health services delivery. 6. Identify the role of private insurance in the policy process, and federal and state regulation that oversees it. The objective is to provide students with the necessary institutional and evaluative tools which can be applied within a private insurance organization or health delivery organization as well as government. 7. Summarize the development of the private insurance market over the past 20 years, with specific application to public policy and regulation. 8. Interpret critical public policy issues in "real time" as they develop, and apply contemporary information sources to one’s ongoing analysis. 9. Describe the difference between politics and policy analysis and the role of each in fashioning health policy.

	concepts presented in this course with her/his management style and strategies.	
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