

HS3400A

Health Policy

University of Western Ontario
School of Health Studies

Fall 2019
Course Weight: 0.50

COURSE INFO

Day & Time	Location
Mondays, 11:30 AM - 12:20 PM	SSC-2050
Thursdays, 2:30 PM - 4:20 PM	NSC-1
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OFFICE HOURS	Mondays, 12:30-2pm No drop-ins; appointments only. Sign up via OWL.
TEACHING ASSISTANTS	TBA

COURSE OBJECTIVES

This course is an invitation to examine the processes, outcomes, and implementation of health policy, with a specific focus on the Canadian context. In addition to exploring health policy issues currently affecting Canadians, key topics to be addressed include the processes through which health policies are developed, the various actors involved in the health policy process, the different arenas wherein health policy is created, and the various policy instruments used to meet health policy objectives.

At the end of the course, students will be able to:

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Week	Date	Topic
1	Sept. 5	Introduction to the course: Why health policy?
2	Sept. 9	What is health policy?
2	Sept. 12	How does Canada's health system work?
3	Sept. 16	Health policy case study 1
3	Sept. 19	Identifying policy problems and getting them on the agenda
4	Sept. 2	

functional. You must speak with the course instructor immediately, if you have any concerns about whether or not your clicker is malfunctioning.

You must use only your own clicker. For all components of this course in which clicker records are used to compute a portion of the grade:

- The use of somebody else’s clicker in class constitutes a scholastic offence;
- The possession of a clicker belonging to another student will be interpreted as an attempt to commit a scholastic offense

Respectful engagement and interaction

Disruptive, rude, or otherwise inappropriate behaviour will not be tolerated in class or online.

Please take time to familiarize yourself with your student code of conduct:

<http://www.uwo.ca/univsec/pdf/board/code.pdf>

ASSIGNMENTS AND EVALUATION

	Date	Percent of final grade
Midterm exam	October 17 (in-class)	30%
Team-based policy brief assignment	November 24 (by 11:55pm via OWL)	30%
Final exam	To be determined, exam period: Dec. 8-19	40%

Midterm exam

The midterm will occur in class on October 17th, and students will have the entire class to complete the exam. All materials covered up to and including the October 10th class

Final exam

The final exam will be scheduled during the December examination period (December 8-19). The date, time, and location will be confirmed and announced in class and posted on OWL. The format of the exam may include multiple choice questions, true or false questions, and/or short answer questions. The final exam will cover **all** lecture materials and assigned readings, including those before the midterm.

Extensions and late assignments

In order to be fair to your peers and the teaching team, assignments submitted after the deadline which did not receive academic a written, pre-arranged approval for extension by the instructor or via academic counselling will be penalized by 5 percentage points per day (including Saturday and Sunday) and will only be accepted up to seven days after the due date/time. If you think you will be unable to hand in an assignment on time, please contact the instructor as soon as possible.

Grading

The university-wide descriptor of the meaning of letter grades, as approved by Senate:

A+	90-100	One could scarcely expect better from a student at this level
A	80-89	Superior work that is clearly above average
B	70-79	Good work, meeting all requirements and eminently satisfactory
C	60-69	Competent work, meeting requirements
D	50-59	Fair work, minimally acceptable.
F	below 50	Fail

It is expected that the grades for this course will fall between 72-76. In the event that the course average falls outside this range, a constant may be added (or subtracted) from each student’s grade, by the instructor, to bring the class average in line with school policy.

Plagiarism and other scholastic offences

Scholastic offences are taken seriously and students are directed to read the appropriate policy, specifically, the definition of what constitutes a Scholastic Offence, at the following Web site: http://www.uwo.ca/univsec/pdf/academic_policies/appeals/scholastic_discipline_undergrad.pdf

All required papers may be subject to submission for textual similarity review to the commercial plagiarism detection software under license to the University for the detection of plagiarism. All papers submitted for such checking will be included as source documents in the reference database for the purpose of detecting plagiarism of papers subsequently submitted to the system. Use of the service is subject to the licensing agreement, currently between The University of Western Ontario and Turnitin.com (<http://www.turnitin.com>).

Computer-marked multiple-choice tests and/or exams may be subject to submission for similarity review by software that will check for unusual coincidences in answer patterns that may indicate cheating.

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During Exams: Unless you have medical accommodations that require you to do so, or explicit permission from the instructor of the course, you may not use any electronic devices during

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- Are advised to consider carefully the implications of postponing tests or midterm exams or delaying handing in work;
- Are encouraged to make appropriate decisions, based on their specific circumstances, recognizing that minor ailments (e.g., upset stomach) or upsets (e.g., argument with a friend) are not normally an appropriate basis for a self-reported absence;
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