

## **ECONOMICS 138B: Economics of Health, Part B (#519150)**

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*Prerequisites:* Econ 3 and Econ 138A.

*Assessment:* There will be two midterm exams that are each worth 25% of your grade: Monday, January 24 and Friday, February 18. The final exam, Tuesday March 15th from 8:00-11:00am, is cumulative and is worth 50% of your grade.

*Course Objectives:* This course will examine the health care sector and health policy issues from an economic perspective. Issues to be studied include basic supply and demand in the health care market international comparisons, and the labor market effects of health.

*Course Materials:*

*Text:* Herman Folland, Allen C. Goodman, and Miron Stano, *The Economics of Health and Healthcare*, 4<sup>th</sup> ed. (Upper Saddle River, N.J.: Pearson Education, Inc., 2004). The book is available at the bookstore and 2 copies are placed on reserve at the Geisel Library.

*Additional Readings:* Announced in class and will be available on WebCT.

*WebCT:* This is where you access the syllabus, class handouts, additional readings, a discussion board, your grades, etc.

*Administrative Issues:*

- (1) The Economics department office handles all matters related to dropping or adding the course, waitlists, etc. Please contact the undergraduate advisors in Sequoyah Hall 245 regarding these issues.
- (2) Exams are closed book: you may not use any notes, electronic devices, books or consult other classmates. If you have any doubts about what constitutes academic dishonesty, please review UCSD policy at <http://www-senate.ucsd.edu/manual/appendices/app2.htm>.
- (3) We will return midterms one week after you take the exam. If there is a mistake adding up the points on your exam, bring it to my attention and I will correct it immediately. If you believe an exam has not been graded properly, you must submit the test for a re-grade 4 days after we return the exam. I will then re-grade your entire exam. The re-graded midterm score will be your grade for the exam. You may not ask for another re-grade or go back to your first grade.
- (4) If you have a documented disability, please bring your documentation and come to talk to me as soon as possible so that I can make suitable accommodations for you. If you believe that you may have a disability and will desire accommodation, please register with the Office for Students with Disabilities, Building 202 University Center as soon as possible. For information on the steps for

academic accommodation, please see <http://www-senate.ucsd.edu/manual/appendices/app3.htm>.

Week	FGS Chapter	Topic
(1) 1/3	6,8	Demand for Medical Care
(2) 1/10	15	Supply of Medical Care: Physician training and supply
(3) 1/17	11, pgs 225-236.	<b>MLK Holiday Monday</b>  Employer-Provided Health Insurance: Effect on worker mobility and employment
(4) 1/24		Economics of Disability and Disability Policy  <b>Midterm I: Monday, January 24</b>
(5) 1/31		Cost of Illness Studies
(6) 2/7		The Industrial Organization of Health Care Markets
(7) 2/14	13	For-Profit and Not-for-Profit Hospitals  <b>Midterm II: Friday, February 18</b>
(8) 2/21	12	<b>Presidents Day Holiday Monday</b>  Managed Care
(9) 2/28		Waiting Lists and Medical Treatment
(10) 3/7	21	International Comparisons  Anderson, Gerard F. and Jean-Pierre Poullier, "Health Spending, Access and Outcomes: Trends in Industrialized Countries, <i>Health Affairs</i> , 1999.  Child Health in Developed Countries

**Final Exam: Tuesday, March 15, 8:00-11:00**