Syllabus
Benefits and Social Insurance
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37:575:375:01
Spring 2014
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Wednesday 7:20 PM - 10:00 PM CLEC-130/131

Textbooks: Order Online

Health Care Reform and American Politics: What Everyone Needs to Know


Retirement Plans: 401(k)s, IRAs, and Other Deferred Compensation Approaches
Everett Allen Jr., Joseph Melone, Jerry Rosenbloom, Dennis Mahoney McGraw-Hill/Irwin; 11 edition (June 7, 2013)

Prerequisites: Access to Sakai, basic knowledge of Microsoft Word, Excel, PowerPoint, and Internet Explorer, and Rutgers Net Id and Password.

Grades: All readings should be completed prior to the date noted on the syllabus. There will be several required submitted assignments, a mid-term exam, a final exam, and an optional research project paper. Due dates and deadlines are firm. Unless you can get prior approval, each day late costs you a letter grade.

Grading weights are as follows:

- Assignments, Quizzes, and Presentations: 40%
- Weekly Class Attendance & Participation: 10%
- Mid-Term Exam: 25%
- Final Exam: 25%
Class 1. Introduction to Benefits and Social Insurance in the United States
Jan 22
• Should access to health care be an American right?
• Video We Were Here

Class 2. Introduction to the US Private-Public Welfare State
Jan 29


Class 3: Health Care Reform or Deadlock?
Feb 5
• *Health Care Reform and American Politics: What Everyone Needs to Know* Lawrence R. Jacobs and Theda Skocpol Revised and Updated Edition 2012. Chapters 1 and 2

Class 4: Health Care Deadlock
Feb 12

Class 5. Health Care Reform Debate?
Feb 19
• In Class Debate about the future of Health Care in the United States
Class 6. The Health Care System, Medicare, and Medicaid
Feb 26


- BRIEF SUMMARIES of MEDICARE & MEDICAID Title XVIII and Title XIX of The Social Security Act as of November 1, 2006. Office of the Actuary, Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services. (Sakai)

March 11
Class 7 Health Care Delivery


**March 18 Spring Break**

March 25
Class 9 The Future of Health Insurance and Health Care.


**Mid-term Exam on Health Insurance and Health Care April 1**

April 8
Class 10. Pension Basics

- *Retirement Plans: 401(k)s, IRAs, and Other Deferred Compensation Approaches* Everett Allen Jr., Joseph Melone, Jerry Rosenbloom, Dennis Mahoney

April 15
Class 11. Pension Financing

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April 22
Class 12. Pension Financing
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April 29
Class 13. Pension Financing
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May 6 Final Exam on Retirement Savings, Social, Security and Pensions in Class