Syllabus
Benefits and Social Insurance
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Spring 2016
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Wednesday 3:55 – 6:55 PM Labor Education Center -133

Textbooks: Order Online

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

Understanding Health Policy (Paperback). 2012. Thomas S. Bodenheimer and
0071770526

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 and a final
exam. Due dates and deadlines are firm. Unless you can get prior approval, each
day late will cost 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%

1 The syllabus is tentative and subject to change
Class 1. Introduction to Benefits and Social Insurance in the United States
Jan 20

- Ground rules, expectations and syllabus review
- Should access to health care be an American right?
- Video We Were Here

Class 2. Introduction to the US Private-Public Welfare State
Jan 27


Class 3: Health Care Reform or Deadlock?
Feb 3


Class 4: Health Care Deadlock
Feb 10


Class 5. Health Care Reform Debate?
Feb 17

- In Class Debate about the future of Health Care in the United States
Class 6. The Health Care System, Medicare, and Medicaid  
Feb 24


- 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)

Class 7. Health Care Delivery  
March 2


March 9


March 16 Spring Break

Mid-term Exam on Health Insurance and Health Care March 23

Class 10. Pension Basics  
March 30

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

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Class 11. Pension Financing
April 6

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

Class 12. Pension Financing
April 13

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

Class 13. Pension Financing
April 20

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Class 14. Wrap-up and Final Exam Review
April 27

May 4 Final Exam on Retirement Savings, Social Security and Pensions