Textbooks: Order Online


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. You should e-mail all your written assignments and project.

Grading weights are as follows:

Assignments, Quizzes, and Presentations 30%
Weekly Class Attendance & Participation 10%
Mid-Term Exam 30%
Final Exam 30%

Class 1. Introduction to Benefits and Social Insurance in the United States
Jan 17

2010 – 50 Million Americans without health insurance – Should health insurance be an American right?
• Video Sicko

Class 2. Introduction to the US Private-Public Welfare State
Jan 24


• Introduction: An Uneasy Victory The Making of a National Impasse A Window for Reform Choices and Vulnerabilities

PART I. THE GENEALOGY OF HEALTH-CARE REFORM

Class 3: Health Care Reform or Deadlock?
Jan 31


PART II. FRUSTRATED AMBITIONS, LIBERAL AND CONSERVATIVE
• 3 The Shaping of the Clinton Health Plan, 1991–1993 A New Framework Clinton’s Decisions

• 4 Getting to No, 1994 The Democrats’ Disorder The Big Turnabout The Collapse of Congressional Compromise Why No Reform?

Class 4: Health Care Deadlock
Feb 7

5 Comes the Counterrevolution, 1995–2006 Gingrich and the End of Entitlements From Bold Leaps to Baby Steps A Republican Window Return to Crisis

PART III. ROLLERCOASTER
6 The Rise of a Reform Consensus, 2006–2008 Romney and the Massachusetts Model Toward Minimally Invasive Reform Making 2008 a Health-Care Election Prepare to Launch

7 Breaking Through, 2009–2010 Health Care First Bipartisanship in One Party Reaction and Resolve Obama and the Rollercoaster to Reform Why Health-Care Reform Passed (and Climate Legislation Didn’t)

Class 5. Health Care Reform?
Feb 14
8 The Affordable Care Act as Public Philosophy and Equality Responsibility and Freedom Federalism and Finance Health and the Public Household

9 Reform’s Uncertain Fate Political Backlash and the Courts The Peculiar Struggle

Class 6. The Health Care System, Medicare, and Medicaid
Feb 21


- **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.

March 1
Class 7 Illness Prevention, Quality of Health Care, and Ethics


- “Five Years After To Err Is Human What Have We Learned?” Lucian L. Leape and Donald M. Berwick. *JAMA*, May 18, 2005—Vol 293, No. 19.

March 8
Class 9 The Future of Health Insurance and Health Care.


**March 12 Spring Break**

Mid-term Exam

March 29
Class 10. Pension Basics

Class 15. May 3 Final Exam