

Course Syllabus

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Course	Health Policy and Management		
Credit	1	Method of Teaching	Lecture
<p>Objective</p> <p>The purpose of this course is to introduce students to the principal concepts and theories that inform our understanding of health policy and management. These include: what policy is and how health policy is formed; how policy gets, or fails to get, implemented; factors required for successful implementation; the use (and limits) of evidence and knowledge in policy making; the management of health and health care; leadership in health and health care. The examples provided to illustrate key developments will be drawn primarily from the UK and other health systems in Europe and beyond.</p> <p>By the end of the course, students should be able to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Understand the complexity of health policy. • Describe the theories underlying health policy analysis. • Describe how health policy is formed, illustrating these with examples. • Demonstrate critical awareness of current issues in health policy. • Critique the use of evidence and knowledge in policy and pathways to impact. • Compare and contrast different health systems. • Describe the public health challenges and pressures facing health systems globally. • Understand the political ideologies underlying health system reform. • Critique approaches to health system reform. • Discuss the various types of management and leadership styles employed in health systems. • Understand the different cultures and values evident in health systems, including clinical and managerial. • Explain how partnership working can best be achieved in health systems. • Comprehend how to achieve transformational change in complex health systems. • Appreciate the tensions in health policy between investment in health care and preventing ill-health. 			
<p>Outline</p> <p>The course covers the theories and concepts of health policy analysis and illustrates these with examples drawn from the United Kingdom and other European health systems.</p>			

Class Schedule (90 minutes each)

1. Introduction to Health Policy and Systems (1 Feb Sat 09:00 – 10.30)
2. Defining and Comparing Health Systems (1 Feb Sat 11:00 – 12.30)
3. Recent Developments in Public Health Policy (2 Feb Sun 09:00 – 10.30)
4. Knowledge to Action: the Use of Evidence in Policy (2 Feb Sun 11:00 – 12.30)
5. Ideology and Health Policy: From the Welfare State to the Market State (3 Feb Mon 09:00 – 10.30)
6. Reorganising Health Care: The Case of the British National Health Service (3 Feb Mon 11:00 – 12.30)
7. Managing Complex Health Systems (4 Feb Tues 09:00 – 10.30)
8. Leadership for Health (4 Feb Tues 11:00 – 12.30)

We may add seminars by Japanese teachers for each to assist students with difficulty in language/background knowledge

Text

Gill Walt. Health Policy: An Introduction to Process and Power. Zed Books. 1994.

Related readings

John W Kingdon. Agendas, Alternatives and Public Policies. Longman. 2002.

David J Hunter. Public Health Policy. Polity. 2003.

David J Hunter. The Health Debate. Policy Press. 2008.

David J Hunter, Linda Marks, Katherine E Smith. The Public Health System in England. 2010.

Achievement evaluation

Students are expected to attend all classes, read the course material before coming to class, and actively engage in course discussions.

There will be a 1.5 hour written examination consisting of 2 short essay questions (4 Feb Tues 14:00 – 15.30)