

**PPOL 611.13 – Health Policy
Course Outline**

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| Course: | PPOL 611.13 Health Policy | Term: | Fall 2016 |
| Time: | Wednesday 9am-12:00pm | Section: | 01 |
| Instructor: | Dr. Jennifer Zwicker | Place: | SPP Executive Board Room, DTC (Downtown Campus: 5 th Floor, 906-8 th Avenue SW) |
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Required Textbooks:

There is no required textbook but recommended reading prior to the course includes:

1. A Practical Guide for Policy Analysis: The Eightfold Path to More Effective Problem Solving (Fourth Edition)
By Eugene Bardach
2. Bending the Cost Curve in Health Care: Canada's Provinces in International Perspective
Edited by Gregory P. Marchildon and Livio DiMatteo

Additional readings and supplemental material will be made available via links posted on Desire2Learn.

Desire2Learn:

Desire2Learn (D2L), a web-based course management tool, will be used in the course. Students registered in this course can log in at: <https://d2l.ucalgary.ca/>. Note that D2L features a class

e-mail list that will be used and I will use this list to communicate with you. It is your responsibility to ensure that D2L uses the e-mail address of your choice. The default is your University of Calgary e-mail address.

Course Description:

This course provides an overview of topics in health economics and health policy. The aim of the course is to introduce students to economic principles and techniques which are of use in analyzing and planning health policy, in particular the delivery of health services, and develop skills in critical evaluation and evidence based health policy decision making. The course will be run as a combination of lectures and seminar discussions.

Classes and Readings:

The classes will consist of a combination of lectures, class discussion and guest presentations. A course syllabus will be provided at the first class. Assigned readings will be indicated in the lecture summaries posted on D2L in advance of the lecture.

Grade Determination:

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| Class participation | 20% |
| Assignments (Two policy briefs with one presentation) | 40% (Due dates TBD) |
| Final Project (Report to Minister of Health) | 40% (Date TBD) |

Further instruction on methods of submission and due dates will be provided in class and on D2L. Be sure to check on D2L each week for readings and assignments.

Grading: Letter grades as described in the Faculty of Graduate Studies Calendar (see section E.1 of Calendar online) will be given for all elements of grade determination noted above. The course grade will be determined based on a weighted average of those grades according to the percentages shown above. In the event that elements are marked on a numerical (percentage) basis, they will be converted to letter grades. As a guide to determining standing, the following letter grade equivalences will generally apply:

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| A+ | 97-100 | B | 75-79 | C- | 60-62 |
| A | 90-96 | B- | 70-74 | D+ | 55-59 |
| A- | 85-89 | C+ | 67-69 | D | 50-54 |
| B+ | 80-84 | C | 63-66 | F | 0-49 |

Important Notes:

- The School of Public Policy expects the highest standards of professional conduct by students, faculty and staff. Abusive or disrespectful behavior will not be tolerated. This includes any expression of prejudice in any of its forms.

- It is the student's responsibility to be fully aware of the academic regulations outlined in the University Of Calgary Faculty Of Graduate Studies Calendar. Provisions regarding Student Misconduct (plagiarism, cheating and other academic misconduct) will be strictly enforced. Please review the University of Calgary's Regulations on Plagiarism, Cheating and Other Academic Misconduct, online:
<http://www.ucalgary.ca/pubs/calendar/current/k-2.html>
- Students seeking reappraisal of a piece of graded term work (term paper, essay, etc.) should discuss their work with the Instructor *within fifteen days* of the work being returned to the class.
- Examinations will not be given prior to the scheduled date.
- It is the student's responsibility to request academic accommodations. If you are a student with a documented disability who may require academic accommodation and have not registered with the Student Accessibility Services, please contact their office at 220-8237. Students who have not registered with the Student Accessibility Services are not eligible for formal academic accommodation. You are also required to discuss your needs with your instructor no later than fourteen (14) days after the start of this course. The Student Accessibility Services website is here: <http://www.ucalgary.ca/access/>
- All material used in this course is for the sole use of the individual and should not be recopied in either print or digital format. For copyright guidelines, including those relating to photocopying and electronic copies, please refer to the Association of Universities and Colleges of Canada (AUCC) fair dealing guidelines.
<http://library.ucalgary.ca/copyright/fair-dealing>
- The University of Calgary complies with the requirements of the *Freedom of Information and Privacy Act*. The University's policy on the sharing of student information with third parties can be found here: <http://www.ucalgary.ca/legalservices/files/legalservices/pg-pi-of-students-to-3rd-parties.pdf>. The University's policy on the sharing of student information with the subject can be found here:
<http://www.ucalgary.ca/legalservices/files/legalservices/pg-pi-of-student-to-subject.pdf>
- In the event of an emergency, students may be required to evacuate the building. If evacuation is ordered, follow these procedures:
 - Stay calm, do not rush, and do not panic.
 - Safely stop your work.
 - Gather your personal belongings if it is safe to do so. (keys, purses, jackets, cell phones, etc. It may be hours before you are allowed back in the building.)
 - If safe, close your office door and window, but do not lock them.
 - If directed by wardens, follow their instructions.
 - Use the closest emergency exit. Do not use the elevator.
 - Proceed to the designated Emergency Assembly point in front of the Holiday Inn on 8th avenue to the west of the Downtown Campus.
 - Do not re-enter the building or work area until you have been advised by emergency responders that it is safe to do so.

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