

GOAL: Achieve a working knowledge and understanding of the healthcare system and policy making process in the United States as compared to other developed and developing countries around the world.

TEACHING METHODS: The core content of the course will draw from two textbooks; Introduction to Health Policy, LeiYu Shi and Health Policy and Law, Teitelbaum and Wilensky.

Each class will begin with videos highlighting the subject matter under consideration followed by a power point presentation. Discussion questions will be introduced to encourage an exchange of ideas and perspectives on the topic being covered. Participants are encouraged to share their views on the strengths and deficiencies of the system as they have come to know and experience it.

CLASS 1: Introduction to course and Foundational concepts

CLASS 2: Fundamentals and Overview of Health Policy

CLASS 3: Structure and Policy Making process at the Federal Level

CLASS 4: Public Health Institutions and Systems

CLASS 5: Individual Rights in Healthcare and Public Health

CLASS 6: Guest speaker (TBD)

CLASS 7: International Policymaking and Ranking systems

CLASS 8: Social Determinants of Health

CLASS 9: Understanding Health Insurance

CLASS 10: Healthcare Quality Policy and Law

CLASS 11: Guest speaker (TBD)

CLASS 12: Healthcare Reform: What is the potential for improvement?