

The Economic Determinants of Health
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Required reading:

TEXTs: To Live and Die in America: Class, Power, Health and Health Care.
Robert Chernomas and Ian Hudson. Available in the bookstore.
Reader-in addition to the textbook there will be a series of required
readings provided by the instructor and available in the U of M Book
Store.

Course objectives.

This course will analyze the debates within economics as to the effectiveness and efficiency of economic, political-economy, biomedical and behavioral approaches to health and their policy implications from America to Africa.

Expectations: I Expect You To

Lectures

You are under no obligation to come to class. I understand that some students might do just fine learning the material on their own. However, if you do not come to class, it is your responsibility to find someone in the class (not me) to fill you in on what you missed. Remember that you are responsible for the lecture material. **Tests and exams will be based on lecture notes.** Some of this material is not covered in the textbook/reader.

Learning requires more than passive memorization. Lectures will often be in a question and answer format. Please participate in the class discussion. Please ask questions during class.

Lecture notes will not be posted online.

Grades will be computed as follows:

The grade from three tests will be totaled and converted to a letter grade using the scale below:

TOTAL MARK	=	GRADE
90+	=	A+
80-89.5	=	A
74-79.5	=	B+
68-73.5	=	B
62-67.5	=	C+

55-61.5	=	C
45-54.5	=	D
Below 44.5	=	F

There will be three term tests; the first worth 40 points, the second worth 40 points and a final test worth 20 points. Test one will be on October 11, test two will be on November 20 and test 3 will be on December 6. Study questions will be provided one week in advance of each test. All tests will be made up of long essay questions. Evaluative feedback will include a number grade and comments. Tests other than the last test will be reviewed in class after they are returned.

Students appealing any term work, whether it is informal or formal, must do so within 10 working days of receiving their mark. If you believe that a grading mistake has been made on a test, you may submit a re-grade request to me explaining why the question has been graded incorrectly. If a grade request is submitted, I will re-grade the entire exam, not simply the individual question.

Missed tests will only be accepted in the case of a VERIFIED medical or compassionate emergency. **Students who miss a term test will not write a make-up test.** The weight of the term test will be placed on the remaining tests. Students will know the grade of their first test before the Voluntary Withdrawal date of **November 19, 2018.**

COURSE OUTLINE:

September	Competing Theories of Health Outcomes Text: Chapter 1 Reader: TBA
	The Epidemiological Transition: A Medical Miracle? Text Chapter 2 Reader: TBA
	The Political Economy of Infectious Disease Text: Chapter 3 Reader: TBA
October	The Political Economy of Chronic Disease Text: Chapter 4 Reader: TBA
	Health Care as an Economic Determinant of Health? Text: Chapter 5 Reader: TBA
Nov./Dec.	Policy Options Text: Chapter 6 Reader: TBA
	International Health Reader: TBA

Academic Integrity:

Students should acquaint themselves with the University's policy on plagiarism and cheating and examination impersonation (see http://umanitoba.ca/student/resource/student_advocacy/cheating_plagiarism_fraud.html).

Penalties for Academic Dishonesty

The common penalty in Arts for plagiarism on a written assignment is F on the paper and F (CW) (for Compulsory Withdrawal) for the course. For the most serious acts of plagiarism, such as the purchase of an essay and repeat violations, this penalty can also include suspension for a period of up to five years from registration in courses taught in a particular department in Arts or from all courses taught in this Faculty.

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