

Course Description	This course introduces students to health care policy and delivery in the U.S., focusing on the components and workings of the multiple systems that define, describe and shape the provisions of health services. Specific attention will be given to the following elements within the overarching framework of care: Financing health and health care; organization of health; workforce development; governmental initiatives; social determinants of health.
Course Objectives	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identify who pays for health care (insurance types, providers/government) and discuss how these providers are reimbursed • Analyze mechanisms for controlling costs • Compare the role of hospitals, FQHC, Health Departments, etc. in the organization of health • Categorize new models of health care delivery (e.g., Medical home, ACO) and explain the role of physicians and hospital/hospital systems • Survey differing models of care (e.g., Interprofessional Team Based Care) • Identify how medical education (UME and GME) is funded • Analyze changes in Practice Acts and Implication for Medicine • Describe and discuss the Affordable Care Act in its present state, along with proposed changes • Summarize how social determinants are affected by and affect health policy and laws
Course Activities	<p>Assignment over the two-week block is to read 10-15 articles in one of these major areas (e.g., financing health and health care) or in a subcategory (e.g., role of physicians and hospitals). Then complete (a) a brief annotated bibliography of the articles you read, and (b) do a reflection paper (1200-1500 words) on the meaning to you of what you read Course Director Maria Clay, PhD Duration 2 weeks Updated 2.10.17 MC/jf in these articles. Send course director the annotated bibliography and reflection paper to review, then set up a 30-minute meeting to discuss in person what you take away from this independent study.</p> <p>Alternatively, you may want to read a text on health policy (e.g., Understanding Health Policy: A Clinical Approach, 7th edition by Bodenheimer and Grumbach -- there is a kindle edition and a rent option on Amazon). Write a 1200-1500 reflective paper on the meaning to you of a health care system based on your chosen textbook. Again, send the</p>



	reflection paper to the course director and set up a 30-minute meeting to discuss.
Course Schedule Requirements	No on-call requirement. Student is present during usual clinical hours (8:00am – 5:00pm, Monday – Friday, excluding holidays as determined by the ECU calendar).

Duration	2 weeks	Location	Online
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Designation	Elective, Non-Clinical, Online	Revised	10.07.2019
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