

Syllabus¹
Benefits and Social Insurance
Undergraduate: 38:578:520:01
Postgraduate: 37:575:375:01
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Textbooks:

1. *Health Care Reform and American Politics: What Everyone Needs to Know*
Lawrence R. Jacobs and Theda Skocpol Revised and Updated Edition October 2,
2012 ISBN-10: 0199976139
2. *Understanding Health Policy*.(Paperback). 2012. Thomas S. Bodenheimer and
Kevin Grumbach. Lange -- McGraw-Hill Medical; 6th edition ISBN: 0071770526
3. *Retirement Plans: 401(k)s, IRAs, and Other Deferred Compensation Approaches*
Everett Allen Jr., Joseph Melone, Jerry Rosenbloom, Dennis Mahoney McGraw-
Hill/Irwin; 11 edition (June 7, 2013) ISBN-10: 0073377430

Grades: All reading assignments should be completed prior to the date noted on the syllabus. There will be several assignments, a mid-term exam and a final exam. Due dates and deadlines are firm. Assignments are not accepted beyond the due date and time. Students are responsible for monitoring all assignment instructions and due dates. The results for all graded assignments will be posted on a timely basis. Students are advised to monitor their performance throughout the entire semester so that any performance deficiencies and/or concerns can be addressed at the appropriate time. Grading weights are as follows:

Undergraduate Students -

Assignments	33.4%
Mid-term exam	33.3%
Final exam	33.3%

Graduate Students -

Assignments	25%
Mid-term exam	25%
Team paper & presentation	25%
Final exam	25%

¹ The syllabus is tentative and subject to change

Absences: Attendance is required. Please report any absence in advance unless you have a sudden and unexpected illness or emergency. Do not call or email me directly to report an absence. Absences MUST be reported by using the university absence reporting website <https://sims.rutgers.edu/ssra> to indicate the date and reason for your absence. An email will be automatically sent to me.

Class 1 Introduction to Benefits and Social Insurance in the United States

- Ground rules, introductions, expectations and syllabus review
- The social safety net and the AIDS crisis
 - Video: “Aids: We Were Here”

Class 2 The Social Safety Net and Retirement Plan Basics

- Chapters 1 through 3 *Retirement Plans: 401(k)s, IRAs, and Other Deferred Compensation Approaches*, Everett Allen Jr., Joseph Melone, Jerry Rosenbloom, Dennis Mahoney
 - Video: PBS Frontline: “The Retirement Gamble”

Class The Social Safety Net and Retirement Plan Basics

- Chapters 4 through 6 *Retirement Plans: 401(k)s, IRAs, and Other Deferred Compensation Approaches* Everett Allen Jr., Joseph Melone, Jerry Rosenbloom, Dennis Mahoney
 - Videos: Pension Evolution, Senator Bernie Sanders on pension reform and President George W. Bush on pension law reform.

Class 4 The Social Safety Net and Retirement Plan Basics

- Chapters 7, 8 and 11 *Retirement Plans: 401(k)s, IRAs, and Other Deferred Compensation Approaches* Everett Allen Jr., Joseph Melone, Jerry Rosenbloom, Dennis Mahoney
 - Video: Passive Investing

Class 5 The Social Safety Net and Retirement Plan Basics

- Chapters 17, 18 and 21 *Retirement Plans: 401(k)s, IRAs, and Other Deferred Compensation Approaches* Everett Allen Jr., Joseph Melone, Jerry Rosenbloom, Dennis Mahoney
 - Video: Employee Stock Ownership Plans (ESOPs)

Class 6 Pension Financing

- Chapters 25, 26 and 28 *Retirement Plans: 401(k)s, IRAs, and Other Deferred Compensation Approaches* Everett Allen Jr., Joseph Melone, Jerry Rosenbloom, Dennis Mahoney
- Review for mid-term exam

Class 7

- Overview of Workers’ Compensation
- Mid-term Exam

Class 8

- Assignment to read before next class:
 - *Health Care Reform and American Politics: What Everyone Needs to Know* Lawrence R. Jacobs and Theda Skocpol Revised and Updated Edition 2012. pp. 1-16 and Chapters 1 and 2

Class 9 Assignment to read before next class:

- *Health Care Reform and American Politics: What Everyone Needs to Know* Lawrence R. Jacobs and Theda Skocpol Revised and Updated Edition 2012. Chapters 3 and 4
- Video: “Sicko”

Class 10 Health Care Deadlock

- *Understanding Health Policy.* (Paperback). 2012. Thomas S. Bodenheimer and Kevin Grumbach. McGraw-Hill Medical; 6th edition. Chapters 1-4 pp. 1-42
- Video: “Obama’s Deal,” Jimmy Kimmel interviews
- Assignment to re-read before next class:
 - John F. Burton Jr. “*National Developments in Workers’ Compensation: Nullifying the Grand Bargain?*” (Sakai)
 - Scott D. Szymendera “*Workers’ Compensation: Overview and Issues*” (Sakai)

Class 11 Workers’ Compensation

- Guest speaker: John F. Burton Jr. will discuss Workers’ Compensation and topics covered in the following articles:
 - John F. Burton Jr. “*National Developments in Workers’ Compensation: Nullifying the Grand Bargain?*” (Sakai)
 - Scott D. Szymendera “*Workers’ Compensation: Overview and Issues*” (Sakai)
- Discussion on the rise and fall of employer provided healthcare
- The social safety net and the opioid epidemic (part 1)
 - Video: The Wire creator David Simon on the war on drugs

Class 12 The Health Care System, Medicare, and Medicaid

- Financial planning guest speaker Anthony J. Truino
- Review assignment questions and answers for “Understanding Health Policy” chapters 5-10
- Preventable causes of death
- Future directions for the ACA and Medicaid
- Discuss the final exam
- The social safety net and the opioid epidemic

Class 13 Health Care Delivery

- *Understanding Health Policy.* (Paperback). 2012. Thomas S. Bodenheimer and Kevin Grumbach. McGraw-Hill Medical; 6th edition. Chapters 11 through 13 and 16
- The social safety net and obesity in America

- Video: “*Chasing Heroin: Investigating an American Crisis*”

Class 14 The Future of Health Insurance and Health Care and course wrap-up

- Grad student team project presentations
- Review for final exam
- The social safety net and health care in America
 - Video: “*The Real Skinny on Obesity*”

Class 15

- Final Exam

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