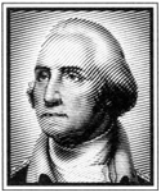




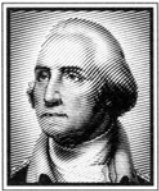
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MASTERS-LEVEL HEALTH POLICY COURSE OFFERINGS -- CORE		
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<p>Fundamentals for Health Policy: Public Health and Health Care Provides an overview of public health and health care in the United States as an introduction to the study and analysis of health policy. Covers the governmental framework, institutions, financing streams, workforce, constituencies, and interest groups engaged in the health sector to ensure that students begin their analytic policy training with grounding in the political, economic and social realities of public health and health care.</p>	PubH 303 (2)	None
<p>Introduction to Health Policy Analysis Core elements of health policy analysis: problem definition, background, the political, economic, and social landscape; development of policy options and recommendations. Written, graphic, and oral presentation skills associated with policy analysis.</p>	PubH 281 (3)	Fundamentals for Health Policy: Public Health and Health Care
<p>Applications of Health Policy Analysis Provides instruction in critical elements of policy analysis: problem definition; political, social, and economic assessment of a problem; program evaluation and data analysis; development of policy options; and the written and oral presentation of findings and recommendations. Hands-on application of basic quantitative tools in health policy.</p>	PubH 282 (3)	Introduction to Health Policy Analysis
<p>Health Services and Law Addresses the relationship of law and the legal system in the U.S. to the individual health care delivery system. Examines how various types of law affect the organization, delivery, and financing of health care, as well as the regulation of health care quality and patient rights.</p>	PubH 283 (3)	None
<p>Public Health and Law Examines how law can both promote and impede the public's health. Introduces students to the legal concepts that underlie the public health system and inform public health policymaking in the U.S.</p>	PubH 284 (3)	None
<p>Health Economics and Finance Covers economic principles as they apply to health services financing and public health policy: provider payment policy and cost containment, supply of health providers and services, individual demand for health care services, and cost-benefit analyses and economic incentives to promote public health goals.</p>	PubH 285 (3)	Basics of Economics
<p>Health Policy Seminar Culminating experience for students pursuing either an MPH or MS degree in Health Policy; must be taken during a student's final semester of Masters degree coursework. Includes seminar discussions and analysis of major health policy topics.</p>	PubH 215.16 (2)	Introduction to Health Policy Analysis, Applications of Health Policy Analysis, AND Advisor's Permission



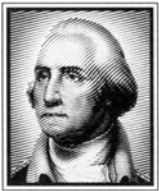
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<p>Advanced State Health Policy Focused on national health care policy taken to the state level. The course will allow students to take one piece of legislation passed by Congress related to Medicaid or SCHIP and “implement” it in a state of their choice in an approach that allows the student to take the legal concept and implement it.</p>	PubH 209 (2)	State Health Policy
<p>Basics of Economics An introduction to modern microeconomics--the study of how consumers, firms, industries, and the public sector make decisions and allocate their resources in the economy. The principles of supply and demand and elasticity in both the private and public sectors will be analyzed.</p>	PubH 209 (1)	None
<p>Basics of Legislation and Regulation This course provides a basic overview of the federal legislative and regulatory process. Through current examples, it explores how Congress and federal agencies shape substantive health policy. It covers the legislative process in both the United States Senate and House of Representatives and also surveys various federal administrative actions, including the notice-and-comment rulemaking process. The course will also explore how the Data Quality Act has helped to shape this nation’s regulatory policy.</p>	PubH 209 (1)	None
<p>Basics of Statistics for Health Policy Reviews the basic biostatistical techniques and their application in health policy analysis. Designed for students who have not taken biostatistics and need to learn basic applied biostatistics, as well as for biostatistics and epidemiology students who wish to apply their skills in a health policy environment.</p>	PubH 209 (1)	None
<p>Biodefense and Biosecurity Provides an overview of the terms, technologies, and fields of biodefense and biosecurity. Discusses government initiatives to combat the threat of biological weapons, including securing former offensive research sites around the world, strengthening international treaties and agreements, ensuring pathogen security, and supporting research and development initiatives to better understand, deter, and treat biological agents used as weapons.</p>	PubH 209 (1)	None
<p>Bridging Health Policy and Health Information Technology Information is the bedrock of health care, health care delivery, health care administration and health care purchasing. Yet knowledge of systems that collect, contain, analyze, and report information is not a required, much less regular, part of most curricula in public health. The course combines perspectives in three areas: information technology itself, emerging legal and ethical responsibilities that those technologies create, and the larger implications of what is really a transformation of health care, the delivery of health care and health care administration.</p>	PubH 209 (2)	None
<p>Chair’s Seminar in Health Policy High-level immersion into select health policy topics with leading figures in health policy. Students will study the concept of a health policy analysis, as well as the elements of an analysis. The art and science of policy analysis will be taught within the</p>	PubH 209 (2)	Rising MPH/MS Candidate, or Doctoral Candidate



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context of a significant problem in health policy, which will vary with each semester.		
Cancer Policy Structured to offer an overview of U.S. health policy in the treatment, management, and prevention of cancer. Introduces basic principles of cancer epidemiology, biology, and risk science, along with principles of prevention, treatment and control. Examines major issues in health policy in the context of cancer: health care access, coverage and payment, health care quality, racial, ethnic, and socioeconomic disparities, biomedical research policy, policies related to the detection, regulation, and communication of risk, and legislative and regulatory reform.	PubH 209 (1)	None
Comparative Health Systems and Health Policy Compares policies related to the organization and financing of personal health services in industrialized nations. Also provides instruction on the public policymaking process, including allocation of responsibility among levels of government and between the public and private sectors, and the methods of comparative policy analysis, including the use of theoretical frameworks and the development of practical skills such as matrices, graphs and charts, and synthesis.	PubH 209 (1)	Introduction to Health Policy Analysis
Demography and Public Health Policy Provides an overview of some of the basic calculations and methods used in demography, including measurements for fertility, mortality, and nuptuality, and introduces life tables and population projections. The demographic methods will be utilized on a case study that will focus on the impact of immigration on health services in the D.C. metropolitan region.	PubH 209 (1)	None
Health Care Quality This course has been designed to assist future health services managers, public health professionals, and health policy analysts understand the complex interactions of quality in the context of health care purchasing strategies, using public programs to operationalize the concepts. The goal of the class is to understand how quality in health care and health care delivery is defined, identified, measured and improved through consumer, provider, payment, coverage, regulatory, incentive and standardization strategies in an environment of transformation of health care, health care purchasing, and health care delivery.	PubH 209 (1)	None
Health Workforce Policy Introduces students to the structure and dynamics of the health care workforce. It will focus on physicians, nurses, nurse practitioners, and physician assistants. The historical background, current circumstances, and future projections for each group will be analyzed and the principle policy issues involved in their training and employment will be discussed. The course will focus on the health care workforce in the U.S. but global workforce issues and trends in worker migration will be explored as well.	PubH 209 (1)	None



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<p>Homeland Security and Public Health Policy Analyzes the intersection of homeland security and public health policy, with particular emphasis on public health emergency preparedness and response. Topics covered include the relationship between public health and criminal investigation/forensic epidemiology, intelligence gathering/analysis, and national security policymaking. The course covers a variety of threat themes, including bio, chemical, and nuclear/radiological terrorism and the associated preparedness and response policy issues.</p>	PubH 209 (2)	None
<p>Mental Health/Substance Abuse Policy Provides an overview of the U.S. mental health and substance abuse delivery system, its components, and the policy challenges created by the organization of this system. Considers the behavioral health care system from the perspective of several main "actors" in the system: patients, providers (primarily doctors and hospitals), health plans, and payers (public and private).</p>	PubH 209 (2)	Fundamentals for Health Policy: Public Health and Health Care
<p>Military and Veterans Health Policy Provides an overview of military and veterans health systems missions, organization, and delivery methods. Topics include the history and development of military and veterans medicine, the impact of fiscal policy on the military health care mission, beneficiary rights, forced health protection, and military managed care networks and contracting.</p>	PubH 209 (2)	Introduction to Health Policy Analysis
<p>National Health Reform Provides introduction to national health care reform by drawing from political, policy, and business perspectives. Examines the rise and fall of the Clinton Health Security Plan as a case study.</p>	PubH 209 (1)	Introduction to Health Policy Analysis
<p>Policymaking at the Food and Drug Administration Outlines conceptually how law, science, process, and public pressure contribute to outcomes at FDA and then examines the operation of these factors in practice through in-depth case studies on such topics as drug and medical device safety, drug advertising and promotion, food safety, and tobacco regulation.</p>	PubH 209 (2)	Introduction to Health Policy Analysis
<p>Private Health Insurance and Health Policy Examines the role of private health insurance in the U.S. health care system, including the historical evolution of access to health care and private health insurance. Also examines the current role of private health insurance as the major health coverage mechanism of the non-elderly; the major types of private health insurance including non-group coverage (individual health insurance) and group coverage (employer sponsored coverage); the current regulation of private health insurance under State and Federal law, with particular attention on consumer rights to access affordable and adequate health insurance. Covers attempts to reform the system and concludes with a discussion on how to incorporate these considerations into analysis of health coverage proposals that implicate the private health insurance markets.</p>	PubH 209 (1)	Fundamentals for Health Policy: Public Health and Health Care
<p>Reproductive Health Policy Presents an overview of reproductive health policy at the federal and state levels. Emphasizes the importance of balancing the interests of competing stakeholders and the fundamental underlying role of significant disparities and the ways in which policymaking can either alleviate or exacerbate those pre-existing issues.</p>	PubH 209 (1)	None



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Seminar in Health Economics Provides students with an opportunity to develop and sharpen their skills in economic analysis and to examine major current policy issues related to the economics of health care.	PubH 209 (2)	Health Economics and Financing
State Health Policy [TBA]	PubH 209 (2)	Fundamentals for Health Policy: Public Health and Health Care
The Policy Narrative: Literature and the Making of Health Policy The health policy narrative is a personal essay that delivers a message about the health system as a whole. Commentaries on the state of medical care and public health have been delivered in this format by patients, doctors, and people on the street using published essays, journalistic commentaries, and public testimony. The policy essay is, in fact, part of a larger genre of personal writings in the literature of health and medicine. This course will examine the policy narrative from both the reader's and writer's perspective. It will draw on the Narrative Matters section of the policy journal <i>Health Affairs</i> , as well as other narrative writings.	PubH 209 (1)	None
Vaccine Policy Examines vaccine development, production, distribution, and delivery in the U.S. from the perspective of the influenza vaccine shortage. Highlights the interactions among the business, legal, political, public health, medical, federal/state/local government, and consumer communities that combine to influence immunization policy.	PubH 209 (1)	Fundamentals for Health Policy: Public Health and Health Care
Welfare Reform and Health Policy Provides future health policy researchers, public health professionals, and policymakers with an introduction to U.S. welfare and Medicaid policy. Examines the factors that influence the decision-making process for States in establishing welfare and Medicaid policies, as well as the various impacts these public policies can have on a State's population.	PubH 209 (1)	Fundamentals for Health Policy: Public Health and Health Care
Advanced Maternal and Child Health Policy In-depth exploration of maternal and child health policy in the U.S., with a particular emphasis on the role of personal and public health services for women, children, youth and their families in the context of health and human services system change.	PubH 287 (1)	Maternal and Child Health Policy Analysis
Civil Rights Issues in Health Care Examines the intersection of health care and civil rights law in the United States: the history and legacy of health care discrimination in the U.S.; the various forms of health care discrimination; legislative and regulatory interventions to combat discrimination and create/enforce/restore health care civil rights; and the unique place that abortion rights holds in U.S. law and society.	PubH 288 (2)	Health Services and Law



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Federal Budget Process for Health Policy Focuses on how the Congressional budget process shapes the funding and design of Federal health care programs, ranging from entitlement programs like Medicare to appropriated programs like community health centers. Discussions on budget resolutions, appropriations bills, and budget reconciliation legislation, as well as Congressional procedures and committees through which they are considered.	PubH 289 (1)	Fundamentals for Health Policy: Public Health and Health Care
Health Care Corporate Compliance Addresses the federal laws and regulations that affect U.S. health care industry participants, particularly those relating to the prevention of fraud and abuse, and the role of corporate compliance programs.	PubH 291 (2)	Health Services and Law OR Health Law for Managers
Law, Medicine, and Ethics Designed to address those issues in law, ethics, and policy that focus on the scope and limits of individual autonomy within the health system. The specific foci are: reproductive health; human sexual relations; the refusal of potentially lifesaving medical treatment; assisted suicide; and research involving human subjects.	PubH 292 (2)	Health Services and Law
Managed Care Examines the managed care industry, including HMOs, PPOs, and utilization management in fee-for-service plans. Discusses the formation, organization, contractual arrangements, and medical management of managed care plans in regard to costs, utilization, quality, and access will be analyzed from the managed care organization, employer, provider and public policy perspectives. Discusses the efficacy of managed care in both the public and private sectors.	PubH 293 (2)	Introduction to Health Policy Analysis
Medicare/Medicaid Law and Policy Describes current legal and public policy issues in the Medicare and Medicaid programs, including the legal, operational, financial, and organizational rules for the two programs.	PubH 294 (2)	Introduction to Health Policy Analysis
Minority Health Practice and Policy Introduces students to the concept of health disparities and the implications of disparities for health care practice and policy. Students will learn how disparities are defined and measured, as well as emerging approaches in practice and policy to reducing disparities.	PubH 295 (2)	Introduction to Health Policy Analysis
Pharmaceutical Policy Examines legal and regulatory frameworks related to the demand for and supply/quality of pharmaceutical products. Highlights policies specific to drug development, pricing, reimbursement, utilization, dissemination of information, and post-marketing surveillance.	PubH 296 (2)	Introduction to Health Policy Analysis
Primary Health Care Policy Explores the politics and policy of the provision of primary health care in the U.S. Covers the rise of the field of primary care and how it is supported and financed, and the role of insurers and government in regulation and oversight in the areas of access, cost, and quality.	PubH 297 (2)	Introduction to Health Policy Analysis



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Strategies for Health Policy Change Provides a theoretical and practical understanding of legislative advocacy in the area of Federal health policy. Aims to provide students with an understanding of the theory behind legislative advocacy and lobbying, the various types of advocates, the tools that they use, and examples of successful and unsuccessful lobbying.	PubH 298 (2)	Introduction to Health Policy Analysis
Scientific Evidence in Health Law and Policy Addresses the use of scientific evidence in decision-making for regulatory and public health policy purposes, and looks at how the legal system approaches environmental and toxic exposure claims. The course focuses on the 1993 <i>Daubert v. Merrell Dow Pharmaceuticals</i> decision by the U.S. Supreme Court, and its importance for both the legal and public health communities.	PubH 299 (2)	None
HIV Policy Examines various aspects of the policy response to HIV. The focus will be on how U.S. policy is shaped in terms of both domestic and global responses to the pandemic, i.e., who are the players and what are the processes for making U.S. policy. The course will also study specific, timely policy questions facing policy makers at the time the course is offered.	PubH 302 (2)	None
Maternal and Child Health Policy Analysis (jointly offered with the Department of Prevention and Community Health) Provides instruction in maternal and child health policy in the U.S., with a particular emphasis on policies related to the organization, financing, delivery, and quality oversight of personal health services for mothers and children.	PubH 373 (2)	None

DOCTORAL-LEVEL HEALTH POLICY COURSE OFFERINGS		
COURSE (DESCRIPTION)	COURSE NUMBER (CREDITS)	PREREQUISITE(S)
Advanced Topics in Health Systems and Health Policy Research Examination and assessment of issues related to the intersection of health care systems and health policy, and how health policy and health services research can inform the development and evaluation of health care systems and health policy.	PubH 404 (3)	Doctoral Program Advisor Permission
Advanced Health Economics Research Examines a range of critical financing issues for U.S. public health and health care services/systems. Considers the role of health services research in (1) understanding the effects of these issues and (2) informing the deliberations and decisions of policymakers.	PubH 408 (3)	Health Economics and Financing



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Introduction to Health Policy (Explains the steps of policy analysis that may be applied to any policy area and uses these tools to evaluate issues in health and health care.)	PubH 191 (3)	Introduction to Public Health and Health Services (corequisite ok)
Introduction to Health Law (Introduces students to the legal concepts that underlie the individual health care and public health systems in the U.S.)	PubH 192 (3)	None