



Course: **Health policy**

Objectives: The basic objective of the course is to enable student to identify correctly the essence of health policy and define its content. Student will get knowledge about basic determinants of the different health policy directions and will be able to critically evaluate suitability of different solutions applied in particular situations and to particular populations or communities. Additionally the course will give student knowledge and skills relating to planning and implementing health policy programme, with regard both to the assumed objective and addressee of the program, and all the stakeholders as well, who might have impact on the process of the programme implementation and its final effectiveness.

Description: The course includes following content: health policy as an element of the general state's social policy, interactions with another components of the social security systems. Student will also become familiar with the functions and objectives of health policy, system of decision-making in health system in different countries and European Union. An emphasis will be put on social, economic and political determinants of the health policy directions, including the specifics of the labor market, social structure, dynamics of population, level of incomes, as well as environmental factors, such as climate, land profile, communications and regional differences. Student will get an opportunity to study the specifics of social life and structure, such as social capital or dynamics of the third sector organizations and their role in providing or planning the health policy. Finally, the course include a bloc of issues relating to the “health politics” problems, such as the confinement of the health policy within the political processes, determinants of political decision-making related to health, stakeholder analysis of the health policy projects and pluralist approach to politics and its implications for health policy.

Literature:

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- D.J. Porche, Health Policy: Application for Nurses and Other Health Care Professionals, Jones and Barlett Learning, 2011.
- M.G. Bloche, The Hippocratic Myth: Why Doctors Are Under Pressure to Ration Care, Practice Politics, and Compromise their Promise to Heal, Palgrave MacMillan, 2011.
- P.J. Feldstein, Health Policy Issues: An Economic Perspective, Fourth Edition, Health Administration Press, 2007.
- J.A. Morone, T.J. Litman, L.S. Robins, Health Politics and Policy, Delman Cengage Learning, 2008.
- C.S. Weissert, W.G. Weissert, Governing Health: The Politics of Health Policy, The Johns Hopkins University Press, 2006.
- Journal of Public Health Politics, Policy and Law.
- Health Policy (Journal)

Teaching: case studies/lectures/conversations/practice
150 hours

Examination: combined exam: test/project

ECTS: 5

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