



**WAYNE STATE
UNIVERSITY**

Department of Economics

NEW COURSE FOR FALL 2019

Prerequisites: none

Elective course for

Public Health major

Economics major and minor

Approval for General Education credit pending

ECO 2550: US Health Care: Policy and Economics

DATES AND TIMES

Section 1

M W 12:30 - 2:10

151 Old Main

**Prof. Shooshan
Danagouliau**

Section 2

T R 2:30 - 4:10

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**Prof. Yulya
Truskinovsky**

- Why is health care so expensive in the US, and why is paying for it so complicated?
- Why do we need health insurance, and how does it affect the quality and cost of health care?
- What is “Medicare for all”?
- How does Obamacare work, and has it made a difference?

To be effective care providers, we need to understand not only medicine but also the difficulties our patients face in accessing care. Using games, lectures, presentations, and discussions, we will explore the economic structure behind demand for, access to, and delivery of health care in the US. We will apply both national and international perspectives to address issues currently affecting the U.S. health care system.

This course is tailored towards pre-med, public health, and social work majors, without any prerequisites. It can be used as an elective toward both the major and the minor in Economics, as well as the major in Public Health.

Topics include

- Economics and health
- Health care systems and the delivery of health care
- Health care quality and information technology
- Research and health care quality
- Pharmaceuticals, medical devices, and the improvement of health and health care
- Health policy and reform in the United States and around the world

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