

**Department of Economics
Dalhousie University
ECO5231 – Health Economics
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Course objectives:

This course introduces students to the role of economics in health, health care, and health policy. It is meant to be a survey of major topics in health economics and is designed to introduce you to the issues, theory and practice of health economics. Topics include the economic determinants of health, the role of moral hazard and adverse selection on the market for health insurance, the role of the government in health care, and health care reform.

Course materials:

Required readings are posted on the course website and are summarized in the course reading list. There is no assigned textbook for the course but you may find the following textbook useful:

Sherman Folland, Allen Goodman and Miron Stano, *The Economics of Health and Health Care* (Prentice Hall), 5th edition.

Grading Scale:

A+	90-100	A	85-89	A-	80-84	
B+	77-79	B	73-76	B-	70-72	F (<70)

This scale is determined by the Faculty of Graduate Studies, which stipulates that graduate students must achieve a minimum of a B- grade in all classes required of their degree program.

Grade allocation:

Your final grade will be based on 2 in class exams (worth 30% each), 1 presentation of an assigned journal article (worth 20%), and an article review and peer evaluation of each presentation (worth 20% in total).

Exam 1: February 15th

Exam 2: April 5th

Presentations and Article Reviews:

Presentations will run from March 1st to the end of the semester. You must choose one of the indicated journal articles from the reading list (the reading list is included in this package and is available on the course website). In addition to the presentation to the class, you are required to provide your slides to me on the date of presentation. These slides will be posted on the course website.

For each presentation, your classmates will be responsible for evaluating your performance as well as completing a short written review of the article.

For example, if there are 8 students enrolled in the course, then you will choose 1 journal article from the reading list to present to the class and will be responsible for 7 short article reviews with peer evaluation of each the presentations made by your colleagues.

This review and evaluation should be typed and is due in class at 1:05 pm on the following week. More information on the format of the Article Reviews will be provided before reading week.

Missed Material:

To be excused from class due to illness, you must notify me of your illness immediately on the date of absence.

If you miss an exam due to illness, then you will need to schedule a make up exam with me. The make up exam will have both an oral and written component. If you are absent during any presentation, the article review is still required but without peer evaluation.

Academic misconduct:

At Dalhousie University, we respect the values of academic integrity: honesty, trust, fairness, responsibility and respect. As a student, adherence to the values of academic integrity and related policies is a requirement of being part of the academic community at Dalhousie University.

What does academic integrity mean?

Academic integrity means being honest in the fulfillment of your academic responsibilities thus establishing mutual trust. Fairness is essential to the interactions of the academic community and is achieved through respect for the opinions and ideas of others. "Violations of intellectual honesty are offensive to the entire academic community, not just to the individual faculty member and students in whose class an offence occurs." [[Intellectual Honesty section of University Calendar](#)]

How can you achieve academic integrity?

- make sure you understand [Dalhousie's policies on academic integrity](#)
- give appropriate credit to the sources used in your assignment such as written or oral work, computer codes/programs, artistic or architectural works, scientific projects, performances, web page designs, graphical representations, diagrams, videos, and images
 - Use RefWorks to keep track of your research and edit and format bibliographies in the citation style

required by the instructor - <http://www.library.dal.ca/How/RefWorks>

- do not download the work of another from the Internet and submit it as your own
- do not submit work that has been completed through collaboration or previously submitted for another assignment without permission from your instructor
- do not write an examination or test for someone else
- do not falsify data or lab results

[these examples should be considered only as a guide and not an exhaustive list]

What will happen if an allegation of an academic offence is made against you?

I am required to report a suspected offence. The full process is outlined in the [Discipline flow chart](#) and includes the following:

- Each Faculty has an Academic Integrity Officer (AIO) who receives allegations from instructors
- The AIO decides whether to proceed with the allegation and you will be notified of the process
- If the case proceeds, you will receive an INC (incomplete) grade until the matter is resolved
- If you are found guilty of an academic offence, a penalty will be assigned ranging from a warning to a suspension or expulsion from the University and can include a notation on your transcript, failure of the assignment or failure of the course. All penalties are academic in nature.

Where can you turn for help?

- If you are ever unsure about ANYTHING, contact myself or the TA
- [Academic Integrity website](#)
 - Links to policies, definitions, online tutorials, tips on citing and paraphrasing
- [Writing Center](#)
 - Assistance with proofreading, writing styles, citations
- [Dalhousie Libraries](#)
 - Workshops, online tutorials, citation guides, Assignment Calculator, RefWorks
- [Dalhousie Student Advocacy Service](#)
 - Assists students with academic appeals and student discipline procedures.
- [Senate Office](#)
 - List of Academic Integrity Officers, discipline flow chart, Senate Discipline Committee

Other Important Notes:

Student Accessibility Services

Students with disabilities are encouraged to register as quickly as possible at the Student Accessibility Services if they wish to receive academic accommodations. To do so please phone 494-2836, email access@dal.ca, drop in at the new Mark A. Hill Accessibility Centre or visit our website www.studentaccessibility.dal.ca. Students are also reminded that, for your convenience, all forms are now available on their website.