

SYLLABUS

Name of the course:	Introduction to Health Economics			
Teacher:	Frikkie Booysen			
University / organisation:	University of the Witwatersrand			
Language of teaching:	English			
ECTS:	10			
Semester (S1, S2, S3 or S4):	<input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ¹ S1	S2	S3	S4
Teaching method(s):	<input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Lecture courses		Flipped classroom	
	Other:			
Type(s) of evaluation²:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sitting exam		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Written report	
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oral defence		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Group project	
	Other / comments:	Quizzes [10%] Essays [15%] Project [15%] Online discussion [5%] Test [15%] Written examination [40%]		
Expected deadline(s) for the evaluation(s)³	Continuous throughout semester			
Expected date of final results:	End of Semester (July)			
Summary of the content⁴:	The learning outcomes of the course are: to synthesise the theoretical and policy dimensions of the health-development nexus; supply economic theory to the study of the demand for health and health care; apply economic theory to the study of health insurance; assess the nature of and policy responses to failures in health care markets; and to critically evaluate alternative health care financing systems			
Indicative list of lectures⁵:	Economic Development and Health Health and Economic Growth Grossman's model of the demand for health capital Demand for Healthcare Grossman's model of the demand for health capital			

¹ Delete as appropriate.

² If the evaluation of the course includes various assessment methods, tick all the relevant boxes. You can add explanations in the "Other/comments" box.

³ Students need to know approximately when the deadlines for the various steps of the evaluation will be. Please provide the relevant details. E.g. if you organise a sitting exam and ask for a report and oral defence, identify for all three the expected periods which are concerned.

⁴ One or two paragraph(s).

⁵ Provide, if already possible, an indicative list of topics you will cover in each lecture.

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	<p>Demand for Health Insurance Health Insurance and adverse selection Health Insurance and Moral Hazard Drug Development The health and healthcare financing system Comparative perspectives on health insurance</p>
<p>Short bibliography:</p>	<p>Bhattacharya, J., Hyde, T. & Tu, P. (2014) <i>Health Economics</i>. New York: Palgrave Macmillan Kelly, M.P., Stewart, E., Morgan, A., Killoran, A., Fischer, A., Threlfall, A. & Bonnefoy, J. (2009) A conceptual framework for public health: NICE's emerging approach. <i>Public Health</i>, 123: e14-e20 McIntyre, D., Thiede, M., Dahlgren, G. & Whitehead, M. (2006) What are the economic consequences for households of illness and of paying for health care in low- and middle-income country contexts? <i>Social Science & Medicine</i>, 62: 858–865. Weil, D.N., 2014. Health and Economic Growth. In <i>Handbook of Economic Growth</i>, Volume 2B. Aghion, P. & Durlauf, S. (eds). North Holland. Leibowitz, A. A. (2004) The demand for health and health concerns after 30 years. <i>Journal of Health Economics</i>, 23: 663–671. Duku, S.K.O., Asenso-Boadi, F., Nketiah-Amponsah, E. & Arhinful, D.K. (2016) Utilization of healthcare services and renewal of health insurance membership: evidence of adverse selection in Ghana. <i>Health Economics Review</i>, 6: 43. Wong, I.O.L., Lindner, M.J., Cowling, B.J., Lau, E.H.Y., Lo, S. & Leung, G.M. (2010) Measuring moral hazard and adverse selection by propensity scoring in the mixed health care economy of Hong Kong. <i>Health Policy</i>, 95: 24–35 Kutzin, J. (2013) Health financing for universal coverage and health system performance: concepts and implications for policy. <i>Bulletin of the World Health Organisation</i>, 91: 602–611.</p>