Syllabus

(Health Care Delivery Systems—Spring 2015)

Instructor: John H. Sloan, PhD, MBA

Course Number: ALHS 4306

Course Credit: 3-hrs

Meeting Days/Times: UT-Tyler Blackboard online-Monday thru Friday

Instructor Contact via Text Message: 903-521-6433 (best way to contact me is via text message at this number)

Course Catalog Description:

Study of the social, political, and economic systems that influence America's unique and diverse approach to systems of health enhancement and care delivery.

Textbook required:

Basics of the U.S. Health Care System (SECOND EDITION)

Nancy J. Niles

Jones and Bartlett Learning

ISBN: 978-1-284-04376-1

Selected Course Topics:

Overview of the Health Care System

Current Operations

The Role of Government in Health Care

The Role of Private Enterprise
Role of Public Health

Inpatient and Outpatient Services

Healthcare Professionals

Paying for Health Care

Managed Care

Technology

The Legal system

Mental Health

Health Insurance

Other (TBA)

Evaluation:

A. Assignments 15%

B. Quizzes 15%

C. Midterm exam 30%

D. Final exam 40%

Notes:

--Midterm and final exams may be objective-type exams (multiple choice, true or false, short answer, problem solving), essay, or a combination. Prepare for all types of questions.

--Content of midterm exam will be limited to material covered between the exam and the start of the semester and final exam will be comprehensive covering the entire semester.

--Quizzes and assignments will be administered throughout the course.

The following grading system will be used:

A = Superior (5)

B = Very good (4)
C = Average [good] (3)

D = Below Average (2)

F = Well below average (1)

Note: a zero (0) is given when the work is not turned in.

**Evaluation:**

**Quizzes:** These consist of short, timed questions about the assignments and reading material. The lowest quiz grade (or missing quiz) will be dropped when calculating the final quiz score average. (If you are working from an unstable computer it is your responsibility to locate a stable computer on which to take quizzes) Once you access a quiz you should not click to other material. Frequently you will be kicked out of the quiz and a zero will automatically be awarded. (See Course Plan)

**Student Activities:** These are designed to reinforce learning and/or to give students an opportunity to stay regularly engaged in reading and developing a professional vocabulary. These assignments are to be the student’s own work, and due on the assigned due date. No late work is accepted. (See Course Plan)

**Midterm Exam:** this exam will be comprised of questions base on material from class activities, readings, quizzes and homework assignments.

**Final Exam:** cumulative over the semester.

**Selected Information & Blackboard:**

This course is primarily designed around your textbook as the “backbone” of its structure. Text material, special topic material and Blackboard provided material are part of your learning environment. It is important for your success that you be consistently (daily) engaged in all aspects of these course components.

**Attendance:** There is no attendance requirement. However, all assignments must be submitted on or before the designated deadlines as found in the Course Plan.

There will be no make-up of quizzes, assignments or exams Plan accordingly. Your access and engagement is recorded as part of your evaluation by the instructor. Stay regularly engaged.

**Religious Holidays**

The university strives to respect all religious practices. If you have religious holidays that are in conflict with any of the requirements of this class, please see me immediately early in the course so that we can make arrangements in line with excused absences.

**Course Culture:**
1. It is expected that everyone will complete the assignments on time.

2. If you have special learning needs, please inform me on the first day of class.

3. Academic dishonesty (cheating, plagiarism, copying, etc) is a serious infraction of course standards and will result in a failing grade for the semester.

**Academic Dishonesty:**

The work that you hand in is expected to be original and to be your own. There is no tolerance for persons who plagiarize and/or cheat. You are expected to consult Subchapter 8-800 of the University of Texas at Tyler Manual of Policies and Procedures for Student Affairs: Student Conduct and Discipline available at www.uttysr.edu/mopp/chapter8.html. Any act of academic dishonesty will result in dismissal from the course.

**Student Rights and Responsibilities:**

To know and understand the policies that affect your rights and responsibilities as a student at UT Tyler, please follow this link: http://www.uttysr.edu/wellness/StudentRightsandResponsibilities.html

**Grade Replacement/Forgiveness:**

If you are repeating this course for a grade replacement, you must file an intent to receive grade forgiveness with the registrar by the 12th day of class. Failure to do so will result in both the original and repeated grade being used to calculate your overall grade point average. Undergraduates will receive grade forgiveness (grade replacement) for only three course repeats; graduates, for two course repeats during his/her career at UT Tyler.

**Course Drop Policy:**

Texas law prohibits a student who began college for the first time in Fall 2007 or thereafter from dropping more than six courses during their entire undergraduate career. This includes courses dropped at another 2-year or 4-year Texas public college or university. For purposes of this rule, a dropped course is any course that is dropped after the 12th day of class (See Schedule of Classes for the specific date).

Exceptions to the 6-drop rule may be found in the catalog. Petitions for exemptions must be submitted to the Registrar's Office and must be accompanied by documentation of the extenuating circumstance. Please contact the Registrar's Office if you have any questions.

**Disability Services:**

In accordance with federal law, a student requesting accommodation must provide documentation of his/her disability to the Disability Support Services counselor. If you have a disability, including a learning disability, for which you request an accommodation, please contact Ida MacDonald in the Disability Support Services office in UC 282, or call (903) 566-7079.

**Student Absences Due to Religious Observances:**
Students who anticipate being absent from class due to a religious observance are requested to inform the instructor of such absences by the second class meeting of the semester. Three days of excused absences are allowed (see above). For questions, see the instructor.

Social Security and FERPA Statement:

It is the policy of The University of Texas at Tyler to protect the confidential nature of social security numbers. The University has changed its computer programming so that all students have an identification number. The electronic transmission of grades (e.g., via e-mail) risks violation of the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act; grades will not be transmitted electronically.

Emergency Exits and Building Evacuation:

Everyone is required to exit the building when a fire alarm goes off. Follow your instructor’s directions regarding the appropriate exit. If you require assistance during an evacuation, inform your instructor in the first week of class. Do Not re-enter the building unless given permission by University Police, Fire department, or Fire Prevention Services.

Note: This syllabus is NOT a contract. It is intended to provide guidance only throughout the course. Dr. Sloan may change this plan depending on unforeseen events/circumstances that could alter the learning experience for students.

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