Course programme 2020/2021

- [x] undergraduate studies
- [ ] graduate studies

Course ID		Spring Semester	Language of the course: English

Course title:	Economics of health care financing in EU
Course title in Polish:	Ekonomia finansowania opieki zdrowotnej w państwach UE

Total course hours:	30.00	ECTS	4

Lecturer:	Zofia Karczewska, PhD
Prerequisite(s):	Microeconomics and Macroeconomics basics are required.

I. Course description

This course provides students with an understanding of the importance of health economics and financing. It provides students with the skills, knowledge and basic economic arguments within a discussion about health policy options and resources allocation choices. This course aims also to share knowledge and policy experience on how health system can improve utilization of financing sources and improving efficiency of health care services firms by exposing the students to key theoretical and empirical knowledge in the field of health care economics and financing.

The programme is taught through a variety of teaching methods including: lectures, discussions and group work with peers. This combination of methods will enable students to develop analytical skills necessary to solve a variety of health care financing problems.

II. Course objectives

The objective of the course is to allow students to gain principles on health care financing. It introduces the students how financial resources are generated, allocated and used in health systems in EU countries effectively.The course encourages students to examine the role of the market for the provision of health and health services and how public policy can influence these markets.

III. Knowledge, skills acquisition

Topic – content summary	Knowledge, Skills
markets in health care	knowing the economic principles of markets and market failure which underpin different methods of financing health care
methods of financing health services	knowledge of methods of funding health care and the efficiency and equity objectives of these methods
Health Insurance as a source of financing health care	knowledge of health insurance issues: risk aversion, insurance firms as the third party, moral hazard, tax benefits
Concepts of payments systems	knowing how payment models influence amount of healthcare consumed as well as its price and quality
How should the health care budget be set?	knowing that most health care markets are heavily regulated; knowledge of the determinants of total health care spending and economic approaches which can contribute significantly to determining how best to spend the given budget.
The impact of the crisis on health systems and health care financing	lessons for the Health Policy as a response which makes a difference to health outcomes, access to health care and the financial burden on the population

IV. Assessment

Written Assignment

Date: 10/04/2020

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