



**Karolinska  
Institutet**

Course syllabus for

# **Health policy, management and economics, 4.5 credits**

Hälso- och sjukvårdspolitik, management och hälsoekonomi, 4.5 hp

This course syllabus is valid from autumn 2017.

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Course code	3GB014
Course name	Health policy, management and economics
Credits	4.5 credits
Form of Education	Higher Education, study regulation 2007
Main field of study	Global Health
Level	AV - Second cycle
Grading scale	Pass with distinction, Pass, Fail
Department	Department of Global Public Health
Decided by	Programnämnden för folkhälsovetenskap
Decision date	2009-05-15
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## **Specific entry requirements**

Bachelor's degree or vocational degree worth at least 180 higher education credits. Proficiency in the English language documented by an internationally recognized test such as TOEFL with a total score of at least 79 (internet based), 550 (paper based), 213 (computer based), IELTS with a total score of at least 6,0 (no band less than 5,0), or other documentation that certifies English language skills equivalent to English B at Swedish upper secondary school.

## **Objectives**

After completion of the course, the student should be able to:

- Describe the health policy making process and the factors influencing it.
- Know the different theories explaining how decisions are made in the policy making process.

- Understand the organization of health systems across the globe.
- Apply health system thinking to understand the interactions between the different health systems blocks across the globe.
- Identify the current challenges that the different health system blocks face and propose solutions to tackle these challenges.
- Apply some basic concepts and tools in health economics.
- Describe basic health care financing models and use them analytically.
- Describe global institutions and other transnational actors in health

## Content

- Power and the policy making process.
- Global institutions and transnational actors in health.
- The state, the private sector and health policy.
- Introduction to stakeholder analysis.
- Health systems and health system thinking.
- Health system resilience and shocks to the system.
- Health systems and governance.
- Current challenges faced by the health systems blocks.
- Essential models for health care financing
- Basic concepts in health economics (DALY, QALYs, cost-benefit, cost-effectiveness analysis).
- Presentation of basic issues and methods for monitoring and evaluation

## Teaching methods

Teaching will consist of interactive lectures, group assignments, project work and individual studies.

## Examination

- Course project.
- Oral and written presentation of group work

Requirements for G are G on the course project and participation in oral presentations. Requirements for VG are VG on the course project and participation in oral presentations.

The student has the right to write the exam six times. If the student has not passed the exam after four participations he/she is encouraged to visit the study advisor.

The number of times that the student has participated in one and the same examination is regarded as an examination session. Submission of a blank examination is regarded as an examination. An examination for which the student registered but not participated in will not be counted as an examination.

## Transitional provisions

Examination will be provided during a time of two years after a possible cancellation of the course. Examination can take place according to an earlier literature list during a time of one year after the date when a major renewal of the literature list has been made.

## Other directives

Course evaluation will be carried out in accordance with the guidelines established by the Board of Higher Education.

The course language is English.

## Literature and other teaching aids

*Buse, Kent.; Mays, Nicholas.; Walt, Gillian.*

### **Making health policy**

2nd ed. : Maidenhead : Open University Press, 2012. - 222 p.

ISBN:978-0-335-24634-2 (pbk.) LIBRIS-ID:13515382

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### **The world health report.n 2006,p Working together for health**

Geneva : World Health Organization, cop. 2006 - xxvi, [1], 209 s.

ISBN:92-4-156317-6 LIBRIS-ID:10135563

URL: <http://www.who.int/whr/2006/en/index.html>

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*Etienne, Carissa; Asamoah-Baah, Anarfi; Evans, David B*

### **The World health report Health systems financing : health systems financing: the path to universal coverage**

[Geneva] : World Health Organization, 2010 - xxii, 96 p.

ISBN:978-92-4-156402-1 LIBRIS-ID:12105679

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