

**The University Of Western Ontario
Faculty of Health Sciences
Bachelor of Health Sciences Program
Health Sciences 3400A
HEALTH POLICY
Fall 2010**

1.0 Calendar Description

An introduction to health policy with reference to Canadian health policy. Relevant topics to be covered in this course are:

- a) health policy development
- b) individuals involved in health policy formation
- c) environments for health policy creation
- d) health policy models
- e) implementation and evaluation of health policy

Pre-requisite: Health Sciences 1000

Requirements:

- a) Successful completion of Health Sciences 1000 or Health Sciences 1001A/B and Health Sciences 1002A/B
- b) Written consent obtained from the Dean of Health Sciences to enroll in Health Sciences 3400A – Health Policy

In the event the two above-mentioned requirements have not been fulfilled and you have enrolled in this course, no course fee adjustment will be permitted. Auditing of this course is not permitted.

2.0 Course Information

Lecture Times and Location: Each Thursday from September 16, 2010 to December 2, 2010
From 3:30pm to 6:30pm
Natural Science Room 145

Instructor: Dr. Chau Tran, PhD

Teaching Assistants: Jacobi Elliott
Shannon Janzen
Allyson Lee

Office Hours: By written request for appointment

Office Location: Faculty of Health Sciences
Arthur and Sonia Labatt Health Sciences Building, Room 213
The University of Western Ontario
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3.0 Course Format

The 3 hour class will have one 15 minute break.

There will be a combination of:

- a) traditional didactic teaching (lecture)
- b) real-world examples of health policy
- c) guest speakers

Students are expected to come to class prepared, i.e., having read the assigned chapter readings, articles and/or relevant course material, from September 23, 2010 to December 2, 2010. Attendance and participation in class is expected.

Cellular phone and pagers must be turned off during lecture periods. Web surfing and emailing during lecture is discouraged. Video, webcam, photo or voice recordings are prohibited of the instructor or the teaching assistants. Discovery of any of such occurrences may lead to dismissal from the lecture or course and confiscation of the cellular phone, pager, video, webcam, laptop or photo or voice recording equipment.

Classroom decorum is such that no unruly behaviour is to be directed at the course instructor, guest speakers or teaching assistants.

Students with disabilities should seek assistance from the Student Development Center, Services for Students with Disabilities for special arrangements.

Website: <http://www.sdc.uwo.ca/ssd/>

Telephone number: (519) 661-2147

Email: ssd@uwo.ca

3.1. WebCT

WebCT is the portal by which any questions will be answered regarding course content or material.

In addition, any additional course material or assignments will be posted on WebCT.

Any questions regarding the course may be directed towards one of the three teaching assistants. The teaching assistant will respond in writing within 48 hours between Monday to Friday between 9am to 5pm. These questions will be made available to all of the course attendees.

Emails sent to personal or University of Western Ontario email accounts of either the Instructor or the Teaching Assistants will not be answered.

Students are responsible for checking WebCT regularly to ensure updated access to relevant course material and/or any changes to the course schedule.

Should there be difficulty accessing WebCT, please contact Instructional Technology Services (ITS) at

- a) 519-661-3800 or
- b) <https://servlet.uwo.ca:8081/helpdesk/index.jsp>

In no manner should any communiqué posted or sent to WebCT, be recorded, disseminated or distributed via other means such as social networking sites.

3.2 Lecture Slides

Lecture presentations from the course instructor will be posted on WebCT before class. They will remain on WebCT for a period of two weeks before it is removed. It is the student's responsibility to download and print off such lecture presentations from WebCT. The lecture presentations will be made available in PDF format, 3 slides per page with space for notes. In no manner can the lecture material be copied, duplicated, modified, or used without the course instructors written permission. Lecture 1 and lecture 2 presentations will be posted with the full complement of slides. Lecture 3 to 11 presentations will be posted with a reduced number of slides (e.g., 5 random slides will be removed and such missing information from the 5 slides should be actively written down by the student in the lecture as presented by the course instructor).

Lecture presentations from the guest speakers may not always be available and posted on WebCT. It is at the discretion of the guest lecturer whether he/she decides to make his/her PowerPoint slides available to the students. In such instances, the published articles are the best reference and course material.

4.0 Course Evaluation

Midterm Exam	20%
Two Assignments	40%
Participation	10%
Final Exam	30%

A minimum of 50% is required to pass the course. A mark of less than 50% will lead to failure of the course.

4.1 Exams

Mid-term Exam

This will be held in class on October 21, 2010. The duration is maximum of two hours.

The format of the exam will consist of a combination of:

- a) multiple choice questions
- b) true or false questions
- c) short written answers

The content that each student will be tested is based upon:

- a) Lectures from September 16, 2010 to October 2, 2010
- b) assigned course readings: all journal articles assigned from September 16, 2010 to October 14, 2010
- c) assigned text readings: Chapters 1 to 4 from the text, Connecting Policy to Practice in Human Services
- d) assigned text readings: Chapters 1, 2, 3 and 6 from the text, Health Systems in Transition in Canada

Final Exam

This exam will be held in December. The date, time and location will be confirmed and announced in class and posted on WebCT.

The format of the exam will consist of a combination of

- a) multiple choice questions
- b) true or false questions
- c) short written answer questions

This exam will cover the entire course content from

- a) lectures from September 16, 2010 to December 2, 2010
- b) assigned course readings: all journal articles assigned from September 16, 2010 to December 2, 2010
- c) assigned text readings: Chapters 1 to 9 and the Conclusion from the text, *Connecting Policy to Practice in Human Services*
- d) assigned text readings: Chapters 1, 2, 3, 5 and 6 from the text, *Health Systems in Transition in Canada*

Of note, any communiqué between the student and the author(s) of the journal articles will not be utilized as exam material.

Examination conduct of students will be in accordance with the UWO policy on Administration of Examinations as found at:

<http://www.uwo.ca/univsec/handbook/exam/administration.pdf>

Students are not permitted to retain a copy of the mid-term or final exam questions.

Computer-marked multiple-choice tests and/or exams may be subject to submission for similarity review by software that will check for unusual coincidences in answer patterns that may indicate cheating, a Scholastic Offence. In addition, for written responses to short answer questions, the responses may be subjected to the use of the service as outlined in the licensing agreement, currently between the UWO and Turnitin.com (<http://www.turnitin.com>).

The consequences of cheating or plagiarism will be in alignment with the Preamble on Scholastic Discipline for Undergraduate Students at the University of Western Ontario as found at http://www.uwo.ca/univsec/handbook/appeals/scholastic_discipline_undergrad.pdf.

Scholastic offences are taken seriously and students are directed to familiarize themselves with the definition of a Scholastic Offence in accordance with the UWO Policy on a Scholastic Offence as found at: <http://uwo.ca/univsec/handbook/appeals/scholoff.pdf>.

If you have missed an exam, it is important that you notify the Academic Counsellor. If you have missed an exam due to medical illness, you must provide sufficient written documentation of your illness as indicated in accordance with the Policy on Accommodation for Medical Illness – Undergraduate Studies: <http://www.uwo.ca/univsec/handbook/appeals/medical.pdf> and also in accordance with the Policy on Accommodation for Medical Illness as found at: <https://studentservices.uwo.ca/secure/index.cfm>

The Academic Counsellor, Melissa Broadfoot may be contacted at:

a) telephone: 519-661-2111x80447

b) email: mbroadfo@uwo.ca

4.2 Two Assignments

Assignments are to be submitted prior to or on the due date by 9am EST sharp.

Assignments should be submitted electronically via WebCT.

Please submit your assignments in Microsoft Word document format.

Each assignment is a group assignment, i.e., up to a maximum of 5 students per group.

First Assignment – What's new in health policy?

Each group will have the choice of one of 3 topics which are current health policy topics.

Details will be provided in class and posted on WebCT in the near future.

Due October 7, 2010 by 9am EST sharp.

Second Assignment – Creation of Deck Slides

Each will have the choice of one of 3 topics which are current health policy topics.
Details will be provided in class and posted on WebCT in the near future.
Due November 18, 2010 by 9am EST sharp.

Marking of Written Assignments

All written assignments may be subject to submission for textual similarity review to the commercial plagiarism detection software under license to the UWO for the detection of plagiarism. All written work submitted for such checking will be included as source documents in the reference database for the purpose of detecting plagiarism of papers subsequently submitted to the system. Use of the service is subject to the licensing agreement, currently between the UWO and Turnitin.com (<http://www.turnitin.com>).

Late Assignments

A late assignment will be penalized 10% for each part or full day, subsequent to the due date. To illustrate, if an assignment is due on October 12, 2010 and it is submitted October 13, 2010, it is late one day. It is graded and receives a mark of 40/50. However, since it is late, a 10% reduction in marks applies, i.e., a deduction of 4 marks. Therefore the final mark is 36/50.

4.3 Participation

Participation will be determined via:

- a) surprise quizzes as posted on WebCT on one day after the lecture and will be posted for 24 hours, from 8pm on the Thursday to 8pm on the next day, Friday
- b) surprise quizzes will be announced at the end of a randomly selected lecture by the course instructor
- c) content from the surprise quizzes will generally be more recent content as required as readings or presented in the lecture
- d) please try and submit your answers by 8pm on the next day Friday such as to prevent an IT overload of answers coming in all at once which may lead to IT system failure

Classroom decorum:

Questions pertaining to the course content of the required text readings, articles, or lectures may be directed at the course instructor, teaching assistants or guest speakers during the 15 minute break or at the end of the lecture.

5.0 Course Material

Required Texts:

- a) Connecting Policy to Practice in Human Services 3rd Edition (white cover)
Authors: Brian Wharf and Brad McKenzie
ISBN: 019541859

- b) Health Systems in Transition in Canada (Reprinted in 2009, no edition number, blue cover)
Author: Gregory P. Marchildon
ISBN: 9780902094001

Prior editions or reprints of either of the above-mentioned course-text books will be of no utility to you, the student. The specified edition or reprint is required.

Required Readings:

A selection of peer-reviewed publications will be posted on WebCT on a weekly basis. These publications will complement the chapter readings from the two required texts as noted above.

Course schedule

Date: September 16, 2010

Course outline

- i) Text: Chapter 1 - Connecting Policy to Practice in Human Services
- ii) Text: Chapter 1 - Health Systems in Transition in Canada
- iii) Text: Chapter 2 - Health Systems in Transition in Canada

How to read an article - lecture

Article:

- a) Deber 2006 – who makes policy

Date: September 23, 2010

- i) Text: Chapter 2 - Connecting Policy to Practice in Human Services
- ii) Text: Chapter 3 - Health Systems in Transition in Canada

Articles:

- a) Lomas 2009 - models
- b) Case studies

Date: September 30, 2010

- i) Text: Chapter 3 - Connecting Policy to Practice in Human Services
- ii) Text: Chapter 6 - Health Systems in Transition in Canada

Articles:

- a) Morgan 2003 – social policy;

Date: October 7, 2010 – Guest speakers

First assignment due by 9am EST sharp

- a) Dr. Nadine Wathen (3:30pm) - article
- b) Dr. Lillian Magalhaes (4:30pm) - article
- c) Dr. Evelyn Vingilis – (5:30pm) – article

Date: October 14, 2010

- i) Text: Chapter 4 - Connecting Policy to Practice in Human Services

Articles:

- a) Roos 2004 – administrative data in policy making
- b) McDonald 2009 – smoking
- c) Popova 2009 – smoking
- d) Johnson 2009 – health technology assessment

Date: October 21, 2010

Mid-term Exam – maximum 2 hours

Date: October 28, 2010

- i) Text: Chapter 5 - Connecting Policy to Practice in Human Services
- ii) Text: Chapter 5 - Health Systems in Transition in Canada

Articles:

- a) Nisker 2006 – citizen participation – guest speaker at 3:30pm
- b) Nisker 2009
- c) Pong 2008 - implementation
- d) Hing 2007 – implementation

Date: November 4, 2010

- i) Text: Chapter 6 - Connecting Policy to Practice in Human Services

Articles:

- a) Abelson 2004 - citizen participation
- b) Chessie 2009 – citizen participation
- c) Frankish 2002 – citizen participation
- d) Gutmanis 2007 – aging networks

Dr. Iris Gutmanis – guest speaker at 5:30pm

Date: November 11, 2010

- i) Text: Chapter 7 - Connecting Policy to Practice in Human Services

Articles:

- a) Tompkins 2010 – Diabetes
- b) Sanyal 2008 – Diabetes Nova Scotia
- c) Scott 2004 – Access to e-health information

Date: November 18, 2010

Second assignment due by 9am EST sharp

- i) Text: Chapter 8 - Connecting Policy to Practice in Human Services

Articles:

- a) Greaves 2009 – 2nd hand smoke policies for women
- b) Stewart 2006 – Immigrant policies for caregivers

Date: November 25, 2010

- i) Text: Chapter 9 - Connecting Policy to Practice in Human Services

Articles:

- a) Contandriopoulos 2010 – policy failure
- b) Caulfield 2005 – Gene patent and conflicting policies
- c) Vlaicu 2007 – Organ donation

Date: December 2, 2010 – last class

- i) Text: Chapter 10 and Conclusion – Connecting Policy to Practice in Human Services

- a) Shroth 2009 – Aboriginal oral health
- b) Quantz 2006 – Aboriginal council meeting – health policy
- c) Richmond 2009 – Aboriginal health policy

Course Review

Final exam will occur on a day between December 10 to 21, 2010 with a duration of 2 hours maximum.

Please visit WebCT on a regular basis to view any amendments to the course outline (e.g., changes in lecture topic or dates for guest speakers, assigned readings).

The course instructor reserves the right to make any changes to the course with advance notice to the students.

6.0 Disclaimer

The content of course material is for educational purposes only for the Health Policy 3400A course at the University of Western Ontario for lectures from September 16 to December 2, 2010.

The educational content has not been created to intentionally create discomfort for any student in the Health Policy 3400A course at the University of Western Ontario.