

Term Information

Effective Term Spring 2015

General Information

Course Bulletin Listing/Subject Area Economics
Fiscal Unit/Academic Org Economics - D0722
College/Academic Group Arts and Sciences
Level/Career Graduate, Undergraduate
Course Number/Catalog 5860
Course Title Health Economics
Transcript Abbreviation Health Economics
Course Description This is an introductory course to the field of health economics. Students will to apply concepts from introductory and intermediate microeconomics to problems that are faced in health and medical care. The focus is on individual demand for medical care; health insurance; markets for, and institutional features of, health care providers; measuring and pricing quality, and healthcare reform.
Semester Credit Hours/Units Fixed: 3

Offering Information

Length Of Course 14 Week, 7 Week, 4 Week (May Session), 12 Week (May + Summer)
Flexibly Scheduled Course Never
Does any section of this course have a distance education component? No
Grading Basis Letter Grade
Repeatable No
Course Components Lecture
Grade Roster Component Lecture
Credit Available by Exam No
Admission Condition Course No
Off Campus Never
Campus of Offering Columbus

Prerequisites and Exclusions

Prerequisites/Corequisites Prereq: 4001.01, 4001.02, or 4001.03. Prereq or concur: Stat 1450 or 2450
Exclusions

Cross-Listings

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Subject/CIP Code

Subject/CIP Code 45.0601
Subsidy Level Doctoral Course
Intended Rank Junior, Senior, Masters, Doctoral

Requirement/Elective Designation

The course is an elective (for this or other units) or is a service course for other units

Course Details

Course goals or learning objectives/outcomes

- Spending and Value in Healthcare

Content Topic List

- Health Demand
- Health Insurance
- Healthcare supply and Organization

Attachments

- Econ 5860 Chair Letter of support.pdf: Econ Chair Support
(Cover Letter. Owner: Ramirez,Ana G)
- Health Economics Course Proposal.docx: Econ 5860 Proposal
(Other Supporting Documentation. Owner: Ramirez,Ana G)
- Psychology Econ 5860 Concurrence.pdf: Psych Concurrence
(Concurrence. Owner: Ramirez,Ana G)
- Sociology Econ 5860 Concurrence_Form 4-4-14.pdf: Socio Concurrence
(Concurrence. Owner: Ramirez,Ana G)
- International Studies Econ 5860 Concurrence.pdf: Intstds Concurrence
(Concurrence. Owner: Ramirez,Ana G)
- Econ 5860 Concurrence List.docx: Concurrence List
(List of Depts Concurrence Requested From. Owner: Ramirez,Ana G)
- Econ 5860 Concurrence JGSPA.pdf: JGSPA Concurrence
(Concurrence. Owner: Ramirez,Ana G)
- Econ 5860 Concurrence 4-17- Public Health.pdf: Public Health Concurrence
(Concurrence. Owner: Ramirez,Ana G)
- Econ 5860 Concurrence_Form 4-4-14.pdf: Social Work Concurrence
(Concurrence. Owner: Vankeerbergen,Bernadette Chantal)
- Econ 5860 Concurrence PolSci.pdf: Poli Sci Concurrence
(Concurrence. Owner: Vankeerbergen,Bernadette Chantal)
- Econ 5860 Concurrence_FCOB.pdf: FCOB Concurrence
(Concurrence. Owner: Vankeerbergen,Bernadette Chantal)
- Econ 5860 Concurrence AEDE.pdf: AEDE Concurrence
(Concurrence. Owner: Vankeerbergen,Bernadette Chantal)
- Econ 5860 Concurrence_Form 4-4-14.pdf: Nursing concurrence
(Concurrence. Owner: Vankeerbergen,Bernadette Chantal)
- Update Curriculum Map 5-1-2014.xlsx: Updated curriculum map
(Other Supporting Documentation. Owner: Vankeerbergen,Bernadette Chantal)
- Health Econ Syllabus_v3.docx: Updated Syllabus
(Syllabus. Owner: Ramirez,Ana G)
- Econ response to Bisesi.pdf: Econ Response to Public Health
(Other Supporting Documentation. Owner: Ramirez,Ana G)

Comments

- See 10-6-14 e-mail to T. Logan and A. Ramirez. *(by Vankeerbergen,Bernadette Chantal on 10/06/2014 04:34 PM)*

COURSE REQUEST
5860 - Status: PENDING

Last Updated: Haddad,Deborah Moore
10/07/2014


Workflow Information

Status	User(s)	Date/Time	Step
Submitted	Ramirez,Ana G	04/17/2014 04:44 PM	Submitted for Approval
Approved	Logan,Trevon D'Marcus	04/17/2014 10:53 PM	Unit Approval
Approved	Haddad,Deborah Moore	04/18/2014 10:27 AM	College Approval
Revision Requested	Vankeerbergen,Bernadette Chantal	10/06/2014 04:34 PM	ASCCAO Approval
Submitted	Ramirez,Ana G	10/07/2014 10:36 AM	Submitted for Approval
Approved	Logan,Trevon D'Marcus	10/07/2014 10:43 AM	Unit Approval
Approved	Haddad,Deborah Moore	10/07/2014 01:06 PM	College Approval
Pending Approval	Nolen,Dawn Vankeerbergen,Bernadette Chantal Hanlin,Deborah Kay Jenkins,Mary Ellen Bigler Hogle,Danielle Nicole	10/07/2014 01:06 PM	ASCCAO Approval



MEMORANDUM

Date: April 8, 2014

From: David Blau 
Chair, Department of Economics

To: Course Review Committees

Subject: Proposed new course Econ 5860, Health Economics

I strongly support the new course proposed by Professor Kurt Lavetti, Econ 5860, Health Economics. At present, the department does not have any courses in this important area. The course will be targeted at advanced economics students and students whose interests are in healthcare related fields. The prerequisites are Intermediate of Microeconomics (Econ 4001) and Introduction to the Practice of Statistics (Stat1450) or Introduction to Statistical Analysis (Stat 2450). With the implementation of the Affordable Care Act, many areas of study will be affected by the changing economic environment in health care. Students considering employment in both the private and public health care sectors will benefit in having a strong background in health economics.

The course is well designed to engage students in state-of-the-art research methods in the analysis of interactions among providers and consumers of health and medical care, and the role of government in regulating the health care. These are important and topical issues, and Professor Lavetti is an expert who can provide interested and qualified students with an unusual opportunity to learn how economists use modern quantitative methods to study these issues.

The Department of Economics will support the offering of this course on a regular basis.

Health Economics (Econ 5860)

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Meeting Times: Mondays and Fridays 9:35AM to 10:55AM

Course Website: TBD

Office Hours: TBD

Required Reading:

The textbook for the course is Folland, Goodman, and Stano, *The Economics of Health and Health Care*, 7th Edition, 2013 (denoted FGS in reading list). Earlier editions of the textbook appear to be fairly similar and you are welcome to use them, but if you use an earlier edition it is up to you to be sure that chapter numbers and topics correspond to those on the course schedule and lecture notes. A copy of the 7th edition will be available in course reserves.

Your Money or Your Life, by David Cutler, Oxford University Press, 2005.

The textbook will be supplemented with additional articles and research papers, which will be posted on the course website. Notes and lecture slides will also be posted on the course website, usually a day before class. Please check the website regularly for readings and course updates.

Prerequisites:

Students should have completed Econ 4001 (Intermediate Microeconomics Theory). It is also recommended students have a basic knowledge of statistics, Stat1450 (Introduction to the Practice of Statics) or Stat 2450 (Introduction to Statistical Analysis).

Evaluation:

20% Problem Sets
35% Midterm

45% Final Exam

Problem Sets:

There will be 4 homework assignments, each worth 5%. The assignments will be made available on the course website, and will be due at the beginning of class one week after they are assigned. You may discuss the assignments with others, but you must write your own answers independently. Late assignments will lose at least 50%. Solutions will be posted on the course website the day after the assignment is due. Once solutions are posted, late assignments will not be accepted.

Exams:

There will be two in-class exams. The midterm exam will be held on (DATE TBA), and will cover material to that point. The final exam will be held on (DATE TBA) and focus primarily on material covered after the midterm, but will include some material and concepts covered in first half of the course. There will be no make-up midterms or final exams, so please plan ahead.

Any requests for an assignment or exam to be re-graded must be submitted on paper in writing. Please take at least a day to think about the question, and you may submit a request for a re-grade no sooner than 24 hours and no later than 1 week after the assignment or exam has been returned. The entire exam or assignment will be reviewed and re-graded.

Course Schedule:

Introduction: Spending and Value in Health Care

January 6, Lecture 1: Course Overview, Spending and Value in Health Care

- FGS Chapter 1
- FGS Chapters 2 and 3 are helpful reviews

January 8, Lecture 2: Spending and Value (Continued)

- FGS Chapter 18 (383-391)
- Cutler, *Your Money or Your Life*, Chapter 2.
- Article: D. Cutler and M. McClellan "Is Technological Change Worth It?" *Health Affairs*, Sept/Oct. 2001.
- Article: U. Reinhardt, P. Hussey and G. Anderson, "U.S. Health Care Spending In An International Context" *Health Affairs*, Vol. 23, No. 3 (2004), pp. 10-25.

Health Demand

January 13, Lecture 3: Health Production Functions

- FGS Chapter 5
- Cutler, *Your Money or Your Life*, Chapters 3-4.

January 15, Lecture 4: Health Production Functions (continued)

- FGS Chapter 6

-Cutler, *Your Money or Your Life*, Chapters 5.

January 22, Lecture 5: Health Behaviors

-FGS Chapter 24

January 27, Lecture 6: Demand for Health and Health Care

-FGS Chapter 7

January 29, Lecture 7: Demand for Health and Health Care (continued)

-FGS Chapter 9

Health Insurance

February 3, Lecture 8: Moral Hazard

-FGS Chapter 8

February 5, Lecture 9: Information Asymmetry and Consumer Choice

-FGS Chapter 10

-Article: Akerlof, "The Market for Lemons," *Quarterly Journal of Economics*, 1970.

February 10, Lecture 10: Information Asymmetry and Consumer Choice (Continued)

-Article: Rothschild and Stiglitz "Equilibrium in Competitive Insurance Markets: An Essay on the Economics of Imperfect Information," *Quarterly Journal of Economics*, 1976.

February 12, Lecture 11: Employer-Sponsored Health Insurance

-FGS Chapter 11

-Article: M. Pauly, "The Economics of Employer-Paid Benefits", Chapter 3 in *Health Benefits and Work* (1997), pp. 37-50.

February 17, Lecture 12: Public Health Insurance: Medicare, Medicaid, SCHIP

-FGS Chapter 21

-Article: Cutler and Gruber, "Medicaid and Private Insurance: Evidence and Implications," *Health Affairs*, 1997.

February 19, Lecture 13: The Individual Market, Insurance Exchanges, and the Uninsured

-Article: Gruber, "Covering the Uninsured in the United States," *Journal of Economic Literature*, 2008.

February 24, Lecture 14: Managed Care and Consumer Directed Care

-FGS Chapter 12

-Article: Newhouse, "Consumer Directed Health Plans and the RAND Health Insurance Experiment," *Health Affairs*, 2004.

February 26, Review for Midterm Exam

March 3, Midterm (In Class, covers Lectures 1-14)

March 5, Lecture 15: Current Health Policy Topics from a Doctor's Perspective

- Article: Atul Gawande "Piecemeal," The New Yorker, published Apr 4, 2005.
- Article: Atul Gawande "The Bell Curve," The New Yorker, published Dec 6, 2004.
- Article: Atul Gawande "The Malpractice Mess," The New Yorker, published Nov 14, 2005.

(Spring Break)

Health Care Supply and Organization

March 17, Lecture 16: Non-Profit Health Providers

- FGS Chapter 13
- J. Horowitz "Making Profits and Providing Care: Comparing Non-Profit, For-Profit, and Government Hospitals," *Health Affairs*, 2005.

March 19, Lecture 17: Competition among Hospitals

- FGS Chapter 14

March 24, Lecture 18: Competition among Hospitals (continued)

- FGS Chapter 20

March 26, Lecture 19: Physician Supply and Organization

- FGS Chapter 15

March 31, Lecture 20: Health Care Labor Markets and Professional Training

- FGS Chapter 16

April 2, Lecture 21: Pharmaceuticals

- FGS Chapter 17
- Article: E. Berndt, "Pharmaceuticals in US Healthcare: Determinants of Quantity and Price," *Journal of Economic Perspectives*, 2002.

Special Topics

April 9, Lecture 22: The History of US Health Policy

- See handouts on website

April 14, Lecture 23: The Affordable Care Act

- See handouts on website

April 16, Lecture 24: Accountable Care Organizations

- See handouts on website

April 21, Course Review

Academic Misconduct

It is the responsibility of the Committee on Academic Misconduct to investigate or establish procedures for the investigation of all reported cases of student academic misconduct. The term “academic misconduct” includes all forms of student academic misconduct wherever committed; illustrated by, but not limited to, cases of plagiarism and dishonest practices in connection with examinations. Instructors shall report all instances of alleged academic misconduct to the committee (Faculty Rule 3335-5-487). For additional information, see the Code of Student Conduct <http://studentlife.osu.edu/csc/>.

Office of Disability Service

Students with disabilities that have been certified by the Office for Disability Services will be appropriately accommodated and should inform the instructor as soon as possible of their needs. The Office for Disability Services is located in 150 Pomerene Hall, 1760 Neil Avenue; telephone 292 -3307, TDD 292-0901; <http://www.ods.ohio-state.edu/>.

Health Economics (Econ 5860) Course Proposal

Rationale

The Department of Economics does not currently offer an undergraduate course with a focus on the economics of the U.S. healthcare system or health policy in general. The course proposed by Professor Kurt Lavetti will provide a richer curriculum for students in our major and supplement knowledge for students studying other areas healthcare.

Course objectives

This is an introductory course to health economics. Students will learn how to apply concepts introduced in our principle and intermediate microeconomic courses to problems that are faced in the health and medical care systems. The course will focus in particular on individual demand for medical care; health insurance; markets for healthcare and the institutional features of healthcare systems; health care providers; measuring and pricing quality in healthcare; and health care reform policies such as the Affordable Care Act. The emphasis in the course will be primarily on US health policies and institutions, but class discussion will also make comparisons between the US and international health care systems.

Relationship to other Courses/Curricula

Economic 5000-level courses expand on basic economic theory and develop the methods and techniques for analyzing the economic world. Econ 5860 would improve the current economics curricula as a course that applies the knowledge and skills developed in intermediate level in a specific area of economics. As a 5000 level courses, health economics could supplement the course offerings for graduate students in public policy and public health programs.

Econ 5860 Concurrence List

Kynthia Droesch (.4)
College of Public Health
Director of Academic Program and Student Services

Richard Herrmann (.1)
Chair Political Science
College of Arts & Sciences

Zhenchao Qian (.26)
Chair Sociology
College of Arts & Sciences

Denise Ellen Bronson (.6)
Dean of Academic Affairs
College of Social Work

Tim Hadd (.1)
Chair AEDE
Brian Roe (.30)
Undergraduate Program Leader
AEDE

Cindy Anderson (.2765)
Associate Dean for Academic Affairs and Educational Innovation
College of Nursing

Richard Petty (.1)
Chair Psychology
College of the Arts and Sciences

Tony Mughan (.1)
Karlene Foster (.24)
International Studies
College of Arts and Sciences

Trevon Brown (.2296)
Associate Director of Academic Affairs
John Glenn School of Public Affairs

Patricia West (.284)
Associate Dean of Undergraduate Program
Jill O'Neill (.139)
Director Administrative Services
FCOB

Ramirez, Ana

From: Blau, David
Sent: Tuesday, April 08, 2014 8:46 AM
To: Ramirez, Ana
Subject: FW: New course concurrence request

From: Richard Petty [<mailto:petty.1@osu.edu>]

Sent: Monday, April 07, 2014 12:04 PM

To: Blau, David

Subject: Re: New course concurrence request

Hi David:

I approve of the course and have no concerns regarding it.

Rich Petty

Chair, Psychology

On 4/7/2014 10:24 AM, Blau, David wrote:

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Regards,

David

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Ramirez, Ana

From: Blau, David
Sent: Tuesday, April 08, 2014 8:43 AM
To: Ramirez, Ana
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Ana, I will forward these to you as they come in.

David

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From: Mughan, Anthony [<mailto:mughan.1@osu.edu>]
Sent: Monday, April 07, 2014 1:42 PM
To: Blau, David
Subject: RE: New course concurrence request

Dear David,

This looks a very interesting course and International Studies enthusiastically endorses it.

Best wishes,

Tony

Anthony Mughan
Professor, Political Science &
Director, International Studies
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From: Blau, David [<mailto:blau.12@osu.edu>]
Sent: Monday, April 07, 2014 10:24 AM
Cc: Ramirez, Ana
Subject: New course concurrence request

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Ramirez, Ana

From: Blau, David
Sent: Wednesday, April 09, 2014 11:25 AM
To: Brown, Trevor
Cc: Ramirez, Ana
Subject: RE: New course concurrence request

Thanks Trevor,

David

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From: Brown, Trevor [<mailto:brown.2296@osu.edu>]
Sent: Wednesday, April 09, 2014 11:24 AM
To: Blau, David
Subject: RE: New course concurrence request

Hi David,

This looks like a great course that several of our undergraduates would be interested in. Our undergraduate curriculum committee reviewed the syllabus and voted unanimously to offer concurrence.

Let us know when it is on the books so we can advise our students.

Best,

Trevor



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Recently published: *Complex Contracting -- Government Purchasing in the Wake of the US Coast Guard's Deepwater Program* (Cambridge University Press). Pick up a copy from [Cambridge](#) or [Amazon](#).

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Ramirez, Ana

From: Blau, David
Sent: Friday, April 18, 2014 9:12 AM
To: 'Herrmann, Richard'
Cc: Ramirez, Ana
Subject: RE: New course concurrence request

Great, thanks Rick,

David

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From: Herrmann, Richard [<mailto:herrmann.1@osu.edu>]
Sent: Friday, April 18, 2014 9:10 AM
To: Blau, David
Subject: Re: New course concurrence request

Dear David,

Yes, I have looked at this and so has the director of Undergraduate Studies in the department. We do not have a course in Political Science similar to the one you propose. I support the Economic Department's proposed new course. Please accept this e-mail as Political Science's concurrence.

Sincerely,

Rick



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From: <Blau>, David <blau.12@osu.edu>
Date: Friday, April 18, 2014 9:02 AM
To: "Herrmann, Richard K." <herrmann.1@polisci.osu.edu>
Cc: "Ramirez, Ana" <ramirez.159@osu.edu>
Subject: FW: New course concurrence request

Hi Rick, have you had a chance to look at this?

Thanks,

David

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Cc: Ramirez, Ana

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Ramirez, Ana

From: Blau, David
Sent: Thursday, April 24, 2014 1:01 PM
To: Ramirez, Ana
Subject: FW: New course concurrence request

From: Haab, Timothy [<mailto:haab.1@osu.edu>]
Sent: Thursday, April 24, 2014 12:04 PM
To: Blau, David
Subject: RE: New course concurrence request

David,

My sincerest apologies for the delay in getting back to you. I was awaiting feedback from our undergraduate committee.

I am pleased to offer AEDE's concurrence on your new course in Health Economics. We feel it will be a valuable elective for both Econ and AEDE students.

Tim Haab



Timothy C Haab

Professor and Chair

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From: Blau, David [<mailto:blau.12@osu.edu>]
Sent: Friday, April 18, 2014 9:04 AM
To: Haab, Timothy
Subject: FW: New course concurrence request

Hi Tim, have you had a chance to look at this?

Thanks,

David

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Ramirez, Ana

From: Bisesi, Michael
Sent: Tuesday, April 29, 2014 12:38 PM
To: Blau, David
Cc: Droesch, Kynthia; Seiber, Eric; Xu, Yi (Wendy Xu); Schweikhart, Sharon; Wickizer, Thomas; Logan, Trevon; Ramirez, Ana; Lavetti, Kurt J.; Haddad, Deborah
Subject: RE: Oppose Proposed Course
Attachments: Concurrence form for Public Health(4-21-14).pdf

David,

Sorry for the delayed, updated concurrence form. (Delay was due to unexpected issues here unrelated to concurrence.) As stated previously via email, and now via updated form, the College of Public Health supports (see attached).

Mike



Michael S. Bisesi, PhD, REHS, CIH
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From: Blau, David [mailto:blau.12@osu.edu]
Sent: Thursday, April 17, 2014 5:15 PM
To: Bisesi, Michael
Cc: Droesch, Kynthia; Seiber, Eric; Xu, Yi (Wendy Xu); Schweikhart, Sharon; Wickizer, Thomas; Logan, Trevon; Ramirez, Ana; Lavetti, Kurt J.; Haddad, Deborah
Subject: RE: Oppose Proposed Course

Michael,

This sounds good. Concerning point 1, this is just what we have in mind. There will be some analysis of health policy, using tools suitable for advanced economics majors, and the focus of the course will be health economics, not health policy per se. Point 2 is fine; we have no problem at all with this, and will concur when the time comes.

Thanks for your willingness to reconsider.

David

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From: Bisesi, Michael [<mailto:bisesi.12@osu.edu>]

Sent: Thursday, April 17, 2014 3:05 PM

To: Blau, David

Cc: Droesch, Kynthia; Seiber, Eric; Xu, Yi (Wendy Xu); Schweikhart, Sharon; Wickizer, Thomas; Logan, Trevon; Ramirez, Ana; Lavetti, Kurt; Haddad, Deborah

Subject: RE: Oppose Proposed Course

David,

We are more interested in being cooperative and collaborative rather than adversarial. So, rather than oppose your current course proposal, we will reverse our decision, but first consider the following so both units have clarity and comfort surrounding this issue:

1. Your proposed course will be aimed at upper level undergraduate economics majors and require econ prerequisites. The focus will be advanced economics and not health policy.
2. We will be allowed to offer an undergraduate health econ & policy class that covers both the economic intuition behind healthcare and health policy reforms (it would still have economics in the title). This one would require no economics pre-requisite and would be aimed at undergraduates who are just generally interested in health economics and policy, as well as, potentially serve as required/elective course for other undergraduates programs.

Your thoughts?

Thank you.

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Cc: Droesch, Kynthia; Seiber, Eric; Xu, Yi (Wendy Xu); Schweikhart, Sharon; Wickizer, Thomas; Logan, Trevon; Ramirez, Ana; Lavetti, Kurt J.; Haddad, Deborah

Subject: RE: Oppose Proposed Course

Dear Michael,

I am sorry to learn of the opposition of the College of Public Health to our proposed course in Health Economics. I would like to explain why we think this course makes sense for us, and why it is very unlikely to draw students away from your courses.

1. Our course is aimed at upper-level undergraduate economics majors. Hence the prerequisites: Econ 4001 (intermediate microeconomics) and Stat1450 (Introduction to the Practice of Statistics) or Stat 2450 (Introduction to Statistical Analysis). You do not offer an undergraduate-level course in health economics, so we are certainly not attempting to poach on any of your existing courses. If you are concerned about hypothetical loss of enrollment in case you offer a 5000 level course in the future, we have no objection to a requirement that your students must take your health economics course, should you offer such a course in the future.

2. Our undergraduates are not eligible to enroll in your Health Economics course, 7602, which requires graduate standing. Hence, there is currently no option for them to take a course in health economics. Our undergraduates are also ineligible for 7601, which is limited to students who have completed 6611, which itself is open only to Public Health majors.

3. Health economics is squarely within the mission of the Department of Economics, as a crucial and growing part of applied microeconomics. Indeed, we were authorized by the College of Arts and Sciences to hire two health economists, and we have recently done so. Virtually all of the top 30 economics departments have health economists on their faculty, and this is particularly the case for the highest-ranked departments. Many of these health economists collaborate on research and teaching with health economists located in colleges of public health. We would be open to such collaboration with your college.

We would be glad to discuss this with you to learn more about your concerns.

Sincerely,

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Please see the attached. Sorry, but we do not support approval of the proposed course.



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Cc: Ramirez, Ana

Subject: New course concurrence request

Dear Colleague:

The Department of Economics is creating a new course on Health Economics (Econ 5860) for our undergraduate students. This course will have Econ 4001, and Stat 1450 or Stat 2450 as prerequisites. Currently there is not a health related course in the economics curriculum. I am attaching the course proposal and syllabus, and requesting the support of your unit for this course. Your support can be submitted via email or by returning the attached concurrence form by April 15th. If you have any questions I would be happy to talk with you about this course proposal. Thank you.

Regards,

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