

# 505-908 Health Economics 1

<b>Credit Points:</b>	12.50
<b>Level:</b>	9 (Graduate/Postgraduate)
<b>Dates &amp; Locations:</b>	2009, This subject commences in the following study period/s: Semester 1, - Taught on campus. Classroom
<b>Time Commitment:</b>	Contact Hours: One 2-hour lecture per week. Total Time Commitment: In addition to the stated contact hours, students are expected to spend at least 2 hours of study for each hour of contact.
<b>Prerequisites:</b>	505-100 Health Economics and Program Evaluation is desirable but not essential.
<b>Corequisites:</b>	None
<b>Recommended Background Knowledge:</b>	None
<b>Non Allowed Subjects:</b>	None
<b>Core Participation Requirements:</b>	<p>&lt;p&gt;For the purposes of considering request for Reasonable Adjustments under the Disability Standards for Education (Cwth 2005), and Student Support and Engagement Policy, academic requirements for this subject are articulated in the Subject Overview, Learning Outcomes, Assessment and Generic Skills sections of this entry.&lt;/p&gt;         &lt;p&gt;It is University policy to take all reasonable steps to minimise the impact of disability upon academic study, and reasonable adjustments will be made to enhance a student's participation in the University's programs. Students who feel their disability may impact on meeting the requirements of this subject are encouraged to discuss this matter with a Faculty Student Adviser and Student Equity and Disability Support: &lt;a href="http://services.unimelb.edu.au/disability"&gt;http://services.unimelb.edu.au/disability&lt;/a&gt;&lt;/p&gt;</p>
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<b>Contact:</b>	Centre for Health Policy, Programs and Economics School of Population Health
<b>Subject Overview:</b>	<p>This subject explores and further applies the concepts covered in the Health Economics section of Health Economics and Program Evaluation. The subject comprises four parts:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1 Dimensions of Health Economics;</li> <li>2 Microeconomic Tools for Health Economics;</li> <li>3 The Australian Health Care System from an Economic Perspective (including government intervention and economic rationalism); and</li> <li>4 Health Economics and Public Policy (including Medicare).</li> </ol>
<b>Objectives:</b>	On completion of this subject, students should comprehend the principles, concepts and theory underpinning health economics and their relevance to issues in health care policy (and public health in particular); and have developed the necessary skills to use the health economics approach.
<b>Assessment:</b>	Four exercises (5% each), one major essay of 3,000 words (50%), one student presentation (15%) and student participation in seminar discussion (15%).
<b>Prescribed Texts:</b>	Duckett, S.J., 2005. The Australian Health Care System, 2nd Ed, Oxford University Press. Folland, Goodman and Stano, 2004. The Economics of Health and Health Care, 4th Ed. Pearson Education Inc. Resources Provided to Students: Additional readings and case studies will be distributed.
<b>Recommended Texts:</b>	None

<b>Breadth Options:</b>	This subject is not available as a breadth subject.
<b>Fees Information:</b>	Subject EFTSL, Level, Discipline & Census Date, <a href="http://enrolment.unimelb.edu.au/fees">http://enrolment.unimelb.edu.au/fees</a>
<b>Links to further information:</b>	<a href="http://www.sph.unimelb.edu.au">http://www.sph.unimelb.edu.au</a>
<b>Notes:</b>	This subject is a Group 1 elective in the Master of Public Health
<b>Related Course(s):</b>	Master of Public Health Master of Social Health (Health Policy)