

# POPH90094 Health Economics 1

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| <b>Credit Points:</b>                    | 12.50   |
| <b>Level:</b>                            | 9 (Graduate/Postgraduate)   |
| <b>Dates &amp; Locations:</b>            | 2010, Parkville<br>This subject commences in the following study period/s:<br>Semester 1, Parkville - Taught on campus.<br>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>  | None  |
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| <b>Subject Overview:</b>                 | 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: <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.<br>Folland, Goodman and Stano, 2004. The Economics of Health and Health Care, 4th Ed.<br>Pearson Education Inc. Resources Provided to Students: Additional readings and case studies will be distributed.  |
| <b>Recommended Texts:</b>                | None  |

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| <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>Generic Skills:</b>                             | -   |
| <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 Environment<br>Master of Environment<br>Postgraduate Certificate in Environment<br>Postgraduate Diploma in Environment        |
| <b>Related Majors/Minors/<br/>Specialisations:</b> | Health Economics/Economic Evaluation<br>Public Health   |