

POPH90209 Health Systems

Credit Points:	12.50
Level:	9 (Graduate/Postgraduate)
Dates & Locations:	2013, Parkville This subject commences in the following study period/s: August, Parkville - Taught on campus. Dates: 29th & 30th August, 26th & 27th September, 2013 Subject Quota: 35
Time Commitment:	Contact Hours: 24 hours Total Time Commitment: 120 hours.
Prerequisites:	None
Corequisites:	None
Recommended Background Knowledge:	None
Non Allowed Subjects:	505-548 Australian Health Systems
Core Participation Requirements:	For the purposes of considering request for Reasonable Adjustments under the Disability Standards for Education (Cwth 2005), and Students Experiencing Academic Disadvantage Policy, academic requirements for this subject are articulated in the Subject Description, Subject Objectives, Generic Skills and Assessment Requirements of this entry. The University is dedicated to provide support to those with special requirements. Further details on the disability support scheme can be found at the Disability Liaison Unit website.
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Subject Overview:	This subject will provide students with the analytical frameworks for exploring the social dynamics, institutions and structures that constitute health systems, and enhance students' ability to undertake critical policy analysis of health systems. Issues that will be addressed will include, but may not be exclusive to: health system structures; factors influencing health systems; intergovernmental relations in health; health financing systems; health workforce supply and policy; general practice and primary healthcare; complementary health systems; international health systems and indigenous peoples; major health system reforms; evidence, tools, performance measurement, and policy processes that inform health system decision-making. The Australian health system will be the primary case study with each topic including comparative case studies from other health systems.
Objectives:	Upon completion of this subject, students should be able to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> # Describe and critically analyse the institutions, structures and processes that constitute the Australian health system # Characterise the key components of the Australian health system by comparison with other health systems # Analyse and critique health system policy and initiatives with a focus on the key institutional, social, cultural and political influencing factors

Assessment:	One essay of 2,000 words, due on September 16 which is mid semester (40%); one critical analysis totalling 3,000 words due on November 4 which is during the examination period (60%).
Prescribed Texts:	Duckett, S. & Wilcox, S. (2011) (4th ed) The Australian Health Care System, Melbourne: Oxford University Press. RRP: \$A 83.95 Students will have access to electronic copies of relevant readings.
Breadth Options:	This subject is not available as a breadth subject.
Fees Information:	Subject EFTSL, Level, Discipline & Census Date, http://enrolment.unimelb.edu.au/fees
Generic Skills:	Upon completion of this subject, students will have developed skills in: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> # Finding, evaluating and using relevant information, # Written communication, # Oral communication, # Persuasion and argumentation,
Related Course(s):	Master of Health Social Sciences Master of Public Health Postgraduate Diploma in Health Social Sciences
Related Majors/Minors/ Specialisations:	Health Economics and Economic Evaluation Health Program Evaluation Public Health