



UNIVERSITÀ  
DEGLI STUDI DI MILANO-BICOCCA

## COURSE SYLLABUS

### Health Policy

2425-1-F8203B053

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#### Learning objectives

This course aims to introduce students to an analysis of key health policy concepts and processes and health systems functions, taking into account global challenges and their impact on health care organisations and policies. In relation to health policy, the course will address the theory and practice of policy process and decision making, including key features relevant to the Italian and other international health care systems. Regarding health systems, the course will examine and discuss the key elements and the complexity of health systems from a comparative perspective. Students will get an understanding of specific issues and challenges currently affecting health policies and systems at international level drawing on different perspectives and practical examples. Students will also develop critical thinking in addressing key challenges affecting health policy and health systems.

#### Contents

##### Detailed program

Health Policy

Key issues and concepts in health policy (power, role of the State, interest groups, policy implementation, agenda setting)

Role of policy actors

Key elements of health planning

Health policy frameworks

Comparative health policy

The policy process

Values in health policy

Evaluation in health policy

Ethics of distribution and resource allocation in healthcare  
Resource allocation in healthcare  
Health policy and globalization  
Public health policy  
Health care markets  
Health systems reform  
Health Policy analysis  
Introduction to economic evaluation in healthcare

Health systems

Introduction to health system analysis  
Health systems models  
The healthcare context  
Funding, governance and health services provision  
Comparative analysis of health care organisation, delivery and performance in different countries  
Empirical case studies of health policies and health systems  
Universal health coverage  
Health policy and systems reform in the Italian and English health systems

## **Prerequisites**

None

## **Teaching methods**

Face to face lessons, seminars and groups work

## **Assessment methods**

There are no ongoing tests. Written questions on the topics covered during the lessons. Students can choose to have an interview as well.

## **Textbooks and Reading Materials**

Slides

Buse K., Mays N., Colombini M., Fraser A., Khan M., Walls (2023). *Making Health Policy*, McGraw Hill, Third Edition

Blank R., Burau V., Kuhlmann E. (2017). *Comparative Health Policy*, Red Globe Press

Additional material will be provided by the teacher

## **Semester**

Second semester

## **Teaching language**

Italian and English (most of the sessions include teaching material in English)

## **Sustainable Development Goals**

GOOD HEALTH AND WELL-BEING

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