UNIVERSITÀ
DEGLI STUDI DI MILANO-BICOCCA

SYLLABUS DEL CORSO

Health Economics

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Aims

- Generate knowledge of the main dynamics and economic relationships in the health sector.
- Acquire a better understanding of the main economic issues regarding health care.
- At the end of the course, the student will have acquired skills such as to understand the functioning of the economic system with the specifications relating to the health sector; he will also have learned the main problems for defining performance indicators, and methods of covering health costs.

Contents

The course provides knowledge about the main economic characteristics of the health sector, methods of financing from the perspective of the welfare state, and the Italian system. It addresses both the demand side and the supply side of health care and services. Health care is one of the most important sectors of modern economic systems because it involves a large amount of public and/or private resources and because of its impact on the quality of life of the population and, in turn, on economic growth. It is essential to learn the main factors influencing supply and demand in the health sector and how to efficiently use the growing resources demanded by the population.

Detailed program

· What is Health Economics – [FGS], Ch. 1

· Microeconomic tools for Health Economics, [FGS], Ch. 2

· Economic efficiency and Cost-benefit analysis, [FGS], Ch. 4

· The production, cost, and technology of health care, [FGS], Ch. 6

Prerequisites

Nothing

Teaching form

The teaching is delivered through lectures. The lessons also include the performance of numerical exercises. The contents of the lessons are available in the slides prepared by the teacher and available on elearning.

Textbook and teaching resource

Folland, Goodman, Stano [FGS], The Economics of Health and Health Care: International Edition, 8th Edition, Routledge-Taylor & Francis Group, London & New York.

Semester

First semester

Assessment method

The verification of learning is based on a written exam. This consists of a numerical exercise and an open question. Exercise and open question are graded in thirtieths, and the grade is the arithmetic mean of these two assessments. The time available for the written test is 1 hour.

Office hours

At the end of classes during the semester. In other moments book a meeting via email: gianmaria.martini@unibg.it

Sustainable Development Goals

GOOD HEALTH AND WELL-BEING