

Course Title:	Health Policy and Politics (MMPH6146)
Department:	School of Public Health
Objective:	<p>The course aims at improving students' understanding and analytical thinking in health policy and politics.</p> <p>The course objectives are:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To identify and analyse the conflicting theoretical constructs of health systems in terms of ethics, macroeconomics and politics; 2. To compare and contrast health system typologies globally; 3. To synthesise a way forward for a specific component of either the Hong Kong or mainland Chinese health systems.
Content:	<p>Topics include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Health systems: what, why and how • Ethics • Macroeconomics • Politics • Health system typology: Canada and social insurance • Health system typology: United States and private insurance • Health system typology: Australia the mixed health care economy • Health system typology: United Kingdom and the National Health Service (NHS) • Health system typology: Singapore and medical savings accounts • China and massive social experiments • Hong Kong and reform stasis • Capstone on a global perspective
Learning Outcomes:	<p>By the end of this course, students should be able to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Identify and analyse how health systems are shaped by the interplay of macroeconomics and politics, and the associated major underpinning theories. 2. Compare and contrast health system typologies globally with reference to national history, macro-organisation, resource mobilisation (including financial and human resources), regulatory framework (statutory, administrative and persuasive), societal aspirations and political considerations. 3. Synthesise a way forward for a specific component of either the Hong Kong or mainland Chinese health systems, based on in-depth case study and field work.
Prerequisite:	None
Duration:	3 hours/week; 30 contact hours
Coursework / Examination ratio:	<p>In-course assessment and class participation: 40%</p> <p>Essay: 25%</p> <p>Report: 35%</p>
Remarks:	Approval from the School must be sought prior to enrollment.