



**MMPH6146 Health Policy and Politics (Semester 2)**

**Coordinator: Dr Andrew Park**

**Course Description:**

This course introduces the core theories of health policy to understand and assess the effectiveness, efficiency, and equity of national or regional health systems. Students are guided through the policy process and learn about the role of policymakers and stakeholders in influencing policy outcomes. The trade-offs that are made in setting priorities in health policy (equity, efficiency, and other outcomes) are discussed. Using these theoretical considerations, students are led through a survey of health system typologies to understand the way in which political economy has influenced the adoption of health policies in select health systems. Students are given the opportunity to make policy recommendations to address a specific health issue by analyzing the causes and consequences of this issue, making arguments as to why it should be on the policy agenda, evaluating potential strategies to address this issue, developing strategies to overcome resistance from opposing stakeholders, and proposing a framework to evaluate the effectiveness of the policy on health and health equity outcomes. Students are taught strategies to advocate for their policy solution. Finally, students are given the opportunity to conduct research on a key health policy issue and debate whether a given policy should be adopted to address it.

**Prerequisite:** None

**Term 2 (Friday)**

**Tutors/TAs: Dr Phyu Phyu Thin Zaw/ Dr Bedru Mohammed/  
Ms Baikong Mamid/ Ms Deng Ziru**

Date	Time	Lecture Topics	Lecturer	Venue	Additional Venue
03 Feb 2023	6:30 – 9:30 pm	1. What is health policy? How to write for a policy audience? Course specifics Tutorial: Group assignments and introductions	Dr Andrew Park	LT2	SR2, SR3
10 Feb 2023	6:30 – 9:30 pm	2. The policy process Tutorial: Writing lab	Dr Andrew Park	LT3 & 4	SR2, SR3, SR609
17 Feb 2023	6:30 – 9:30 pm	3. The political economy of health Tutorial: Stakeholder lab	Dr Andrew Park	LT3 & 4	SR2, SR3, SR609
24 Feb 2023	6:30 – 9:30 pm	4. Priority setting Tutorial: Advocacy lab	Dr Andrew Park	LT 3& 4	SR2, SR3, SR609, HKJC-S1A & B
03 Mar 2023	6:30 – 9:30 pm	5. Policy evaluation and analysis Tutorial: Evaluation lab	Dr Andrew Park	LT 3 & 4	SR2, SR3
10 Mar 2023	6:30 – 9:30 pm	6. Comparative health policy, Health systems, Health reform Tutorial: Group 1 presentations	Dr Andrew Park	LT3 & 4	SR2, SR3, SR609
17 Mar 2023	6:30 – 9:30 pm	7. Publicly funded health systems Tutorial: Group 2 presentations	Dr Andrew Park	LT 3 & 4	SR2, SR3, SR609
24 Mar 2023	6:30 – 9:30 pm	8. Social health insurance systems Tutorial: Group 3 presentations	Dr Andrew Park	LT 3 & 4	SR 2, SR 3, SR609
31 Mar 2023	6:30 – 9:30 pm	9. Privately funded health systems Tutorial: Group 4 presentations	Dr Andrew Park	LT 3 & 4	SR 2, SR3, SR609, HKJC-S1A & B
14 Apr 2023	6:30 – 9:30 pm	10. Hong Kong and Mainland China, Course summary Tutorial: Group 5 presentations	Dr Andrew Park	LT 3 & 4	SR1-4

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**Assessment:**

Health policy exercise

- 2 memos – each 40% of final grade
- Stakeholder analysis – 15% of final grade
- Evaluation framework – 15% of final grade
- Elevator pitch – 5%

Class attendance and participation – 10% of final grade



Group exercise and debate – 15% of final grade

LT 2, 3, 4: Lecture Theatres 2,3,4, G/F, William M.W. Mong Block, 21 Sassoon Road, HK  
SR 2, 3: Seminar Room 2, 3, G/F, Laboratory Block, LKS Faculty of Medicine Bldg., 21 Sassoon Road, HK  
SR609: A6-09, 6/F, William M.W. Mong Block, 21 Sassoon Road, HK  
HKJC-S1A & B: Room G-01 & 02, G/F, The HKJC Bldg for Interdisciplinary Research, 5 Sassoon Road, Pokfulam, HK

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