

Course Title: Health Policy (Elective)

Programme :
MA Public Policy and Governance

Course Category: Postgraduate Programme

Schedule of Offering: Semester III

Course Credits: [3]

● Lecture: [3 hours per week]

● Tutorial: [1 hour per week]

● Practical: [none]

Contact hours per week: [3 hours per week]

Course Instructor:

1. Introduction

This course presents an introduction to the Health System in India and the World. A robust health policy will make ways to enhance the quality of life. The course will provide a framework for developing and analysing a range of health policy issues. It will enable students to comprehend the social, political and economic aspects of a health policy.

2. Course Objectives

1. To understand the concepts and practices of the organisation of the healthcare system in India.
2. To understand different facets of public health through the study of healthcare programmes and current policies.
3. To understand the role of public policy in achieving positive health outcomes in public health.
4. To provide a scaffolding knowledge on the Health Insurance.
5. To equip students to do independent research on health-related policies.

3. Pre-requisites

There are no pre-requisites for this course as it is introductory in nature.

4. Readings

There is no text book for this course. However, a set of readings have been identified under each module of the course. Students will be required to access these reading materials from the library repository and assemble a set of readings for their personal use.

5. Module-wise Topics

Module 1: Health Systems

Topics

1. Introduction to Health Systems, Financing, Organising, Provision of Healthcare
2. Health System in India
3. Role of Socio-Economic Factors on Health
4. Health Disparities, Outcomes, Health Statistics

Learning Objective:

Students will be able to understand the concept of health system and its components. To enable students to understand the challenges within the healthcare system and causes leading to disparities in health outcome. To critically analyse the role of public and private players in the health sector. The students, on completion of this module, will gain the ability to assess health policies of the country.

Suggested Readings:

1. Baggot, Rob. 2000. *Public Health: Policy and Politics*. 2nd ed. London: Macmillan.
2. Baru, R. 2013. "Challenges for Regulating the Private Health Services in India for Achieving Universal Health Care". *Indian Journal of Public Health* 57 (4).
3. Coggon, John. 2012. *The Seven Faces of Public Health, in What Makes Health Public? A Critical Evaluation of Moral, Legal and Political Claims in Public Health*, 45–73. New York: Cambridge University Press.
4. Nandraj, S., V. R. Muraleedharan, Rama V. Baru, Imrana Qadeer, and Ritu Priya. 2001. *Private Health sector in India*. CEHAT, IIT Madras and CSMCH-JNU.
5. Park, K. 2009. "Man and Medicine: Towards Health for All, Concept of Health and Disease." In *Textbook of Preventive and Social Medicine*. 5th ed. 1–52. Jabalpur: Bhanot Publishers.
6. Qadeer, I., Kasturi Sen, and K. R. Nayar, eds. 2001. *Public Health and the Poverty of Reforms: The South Asian Predicament*. New Delhi: Sage Publications.
7. Rao, Mohan, Prachin Godajkar, Rama Baru, Ramila Bisht, Ritu Priya Mehrotra, Rajib Dasgupta, Sunita Reddy, and Vikas Bajpai. 2015. "Draft National Health Policy 2015: A Public Health Analysis." *Economic and Political Weekly* 50 (17).

Module 2: Public Health

Topics

1. Introduction — What is Public Health?
2. Public Health in India — Health Planning, Three-tier Public Health System, Vertical Health Programmes, NHM, Budgeting
3. Agencies involved — Governmental, International
4. Role of Health Insurance

5. Occupational Health
6. Environmental Health

Learning Objective:

To provide an understanding of the public health scenario in the Indian and global contexts and enable students to critically appraise the health policies in the Indian context. To enhance students' understanding of the role of public health system in offering quality healthcare to the citizens. After finishing the module, the students would be able to appreciate the underpinnings of public health.

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Module 3: Health and Public Policy

Topics

1. What is Public Health Policy?
2. Economic Perspective
3. Perspective on Health Policies in India
4. Global Health
5. Research in Public Health

Learning Objective:

To understand the role of public policy in achieving positive health outcomes in public health. To know more about the research and analysis that help to formulate health policies. The students would develop the ability to assess research and health policies in India in the global context.

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6. Pedagogy

The teaching methodology will be primarily lecture oriented, but in participatory brainstorming mode. Proper emphasis shall be given to prior reading and learning activities. Tutorial sessions shall be used to assist students in their analysis about subject matter presented to them through classroom discussions and reading materials.

7. Evaluation Pattern

Evaluation will follow a continuous evaluation pattern on a multiple component basis. The evaluation shall be based on the idea that a student should be able to showcase either a persistent commitment or a steady growth.

8. Session-wise Course Outline

Module 1: Health Systems				
Units	Topics	No. of Hrs	Teaching Pedagogy	Mode of Evaluation
1	Introduction to Health Systems, Financing, Organising, Provision of Healthcare	2	Lecture	Written Examination
2	Health System in India	2		
3	Role of Socio-Economic Factors on Health	3		
4	Health Disparities, Outcomes, Health Statistics	3		

Module 2: Public Health				
Units	Topics	No. of Hrs	Teaching Pedagogy	Mode of Evaluation
1	Introduction — What is Public Health	2		

2	Public Health in India — Health Planning, Three-tier Public Health System, Vertical Health Programmes, NHM, Budgeting	6	Lecture	Written Examination
3	Agencies Involved – Governmental, International	2		
4	Role of Health Insurance	4		
5	Occupational Health	2		
6	Environmental Health	3		

Module 3: Health and Public Policy				
Units	Topics	No. of Hrs	Teaching Pedagogy	Mode of Evaluation
1	What is Public Health Policy	3	Lecture	Written Examination
2	Economic Perspective	3		
3	Perspective on Health Policies in India	4		
4	Global Health	2		
5	Research in Public Health	4		Research Project