ECON 4485: HEALTH ECONOMICS  
UWG Spring 2012

**Time/Location:** Sec 02, CRN 10417 - MW 5:30 pm - 6:50 pm - RCOB Room 1308

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**Office Hours:** MW: 8 am - 10 am, T: 8 am - 2 pm, all other times by appointment

**Required Text:** None

**Prerequisites:** Overall 2.0 GPA, completion of either ECON 2105 or ECON 2106

**Course Learning Objectives:**
The overall objective of this course is for students to learn to identify, analyze and discuss many of the economic issues found in the health care sector. The demand for health care, health-related labor markets, public policy decisions, and issues with emerging technologies will be examined using a basic economic framework. Upon completion, students will:

1) Be able to describe and apply basic economic concepts and models to the health care sector.
2) Demonstrate a basic knowledge of the health care system, identify the major decision-makers, and discuss their impact on the economy.
3) Be able to identify and discuss public policy issues surrounding the allocation of health care and analyze the relevant outcomes of policy decisions.

NOTE: A complete list of expected learning goals (LG) for the Economics Department can be found at the department web site (http://www.westga.edu/econ/index_12904.php).

**Evaluation:** This course will consist of current readings and discussions on health related topics in economics. It will also include presentations on current issues by invited speakers and by each student. Grading will be based on participation, student presentations, response papers to invited speakers, and a final project.

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**Attendance:** Attendance is not mandatory and you will not be dropped from the class for not attending. It is the student’s responsibility to withdraw from the class by contacting the registrar’s office directly. The last day to withdraw with a grade of “W” is March 2nd.

**Cancellation:** In the event that class is cancelled, any relevant assignments or course announcements will be posted on CourseDen. Please review UWG’s Emergency Closing Policy for inclement weather located here: http://www.westga.edu/police/index_5102.php

**Academic Dishonesty:** Students not familiar with what constitutes academic dishonesty should refer to the Student Handbook and Undergraduate Catalog: http://www.westga.edu/undergrad/1762.htm