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Economics 4999-011: Health Economics, Fall 2009

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Group Project

The objective of this project is to research a particular topic in health economics. You will form groups of approximately 4 people. There are some topics which are developing country focused and others that are developed country focused. Your research output will take the form of a group paper (**to be made available to students 2 days before you lecture**) and a group lecture – your group will teach a class. Each group member should participate in the preparation of the paper and must give part of the group lecture. You may want to prepare some thought provoking questions to help engage the class.

Please note that wikipedia may not be used as a reference.

Office Meeting:

I will meet with each group at least a week before they are to give their oral presentation. During this meeting you should have already done some research so you can come with reading you have found an outline of what you want to say and who will take which part. We will go over your outline together and discuss what you think you would like to say in your lecture.

Group Paper:

You will prepare a paper on your topic as a group. Your paper must be properly referenced. You will base your oral presentation on this paper. I suggest no more than 30 pages long double spaced. To get full points you need to email me your paper 2 days before you give the lecture. Otherwise the late penalties described about will be applied. Feel free to give the class a couple of readings if you think that would help the class participate.

Group Lecture:

Each group will teach a class based on the research they did in their paper using a power point or other type of presentation software. Each person in your group needs to participate in giving the lecture. You should plan on talking for an hour and leave 15 to minutes for class discussion and wrap up.

Suggested List of Topics (others welcome):

1. Drug Policy in the Developed World
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3. The Economics of HIV/AIDS
4. Social Insurance in the US: Medicaid and the Managed Care Revolution
5. Pay-for-Performance
6. Health Savings Accounts

Individual Project

The objective of this project is to become the expert on the health system of a country of your choice, to describe the health challenges facing the country, and prescribe a potential policy solution. You may not choose the US. **Please note that wikipedia may not be used as a reference.** The project will consist of 4 stages:

Stage 1: Performance of the Health Care System

Produce a paper that is a maximum of 4 double spaced pages plus tables (i.e. tables are not included in the page limit). The paper must be properly referenced including the data sources. **I will give you three data sources during the research methods class. You must base your paper on one or more of these data sources.** You are welcome to find other sources as well. In this summary you want to

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