



UNIVERSITY OF PIRAEUS

FACULTY/SCHOOL	School of Economics, Business and International Studies		
DEPARTMENT	Department of Economics		
LEVEL OF STUDY	Undergraduate		
COURSE UNIT CODE	OKOYA07	SEMESTER	7th
COURSE TITLE	ECONOMICS OF HEALTH AND INSURANCE		
WEEKLY TEACHNG HOURS	4	CREDITS (ECTS)	5
COURSE TYPE	Scientific expertise (elective)		
PREREQUISITE COURSES	-		
INSTRUCTION LANGUAGE	Greek	ASSESSMENT LANGUAGE	Greek
OPEN TO ERASMUS	Yes		

LEARNING OUTCOMES	<p>The first part of this course demonstrates how basic micro and macro-economic concepts, principles, and theories can be used to think about and illuminate various health care issues. Rather than focus on a few current health care problems, attention is directed toward any array of health related topics. Students are provided with a set of economic tools to evaluate a theoretical or empirical argument relating to health or medical care. This part of the course culminates with an in-depth analysis of the structure, conduct, and performance of the Health Care System in Greece for physician, hospital, pharmaceutical, and long-term care services. The second part of this course aims to provide students with basic knowledge in general, life, health, and pension insurance both in commercial and social aspects. Topics include: market analysis of the Private Insurance sector in Greece, Greek social security system characteristics and problems, economics of life and health insurance, nature of life, health and pension insurance, types of life insurance policies, life and health insurance contract analysis, organization of commercial and social insurance framework, laws and regulations of life, health and pension insurance, , etc.</p>														
GENERAL COMPETENCES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Search for, analysis and synthesis of data and information by the use of appropriate technologies • Individual/Independent work • Group/Team work • Decision making 														
COURSE CONTENT	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Introductory concepts and necessity of Health Economics. 2. Health needs, health determinants and healthcare market. 3. Microeconomic approach to health services demand. 4. Functioning of the healthcare market and services' supply. 5. Macroeconomic approach to healthcare expenditure. 6. Allocation of the human and material resources of the health system. 7. Cost, budget and management of health service production. 8. Social-economic development, social security systems and welfare state. 9. Historical evolution of the social security and protection system. 														
USE OF ICT IN TEACHING	<p>Use of ICT in lectures Laboratory expertise Communication with students: live contact during lectures, office hours, E-class</p>														
COURSE DESIGN		<table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Activity/Method</th> <th>Semester workload</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Lectures</td> <td>52</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Study and analysis of bibliography</td> <td>26</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Essay writing</td> <td>45</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Exam</td> <td>2</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Total</td> <td>125</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Activity/Method	Semester workload	Lectures	52	Study and analysis of bibliography	26	Essay writing	45	Exam	2	Total	125	
Activity/Method	Semester workload														
Lectures	52														
Study and analysis of bibliography	26														
Essay writing	45														
Exam	2														
Total	125														
COURSE ASSESSMENT	<p>Language of evaluation is Greek and (English is used in cases of Erasmus+ students) Assessment method: final exams (multiple choice, open-ended questions, short case studies). In case students choose to submit an essay/report, oral examination and presentation are used as supplementary assessment methods.</p>														
SUGGESTED BIBLIOGRAPHY	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1.Health Economics: Theory, Prospects and Systemic Studies, Santerre R. ISBN: 9789604891818, BROKEN HILL PUBLISHERS LTD 2.Health Economics, Yfantopoulos N. ISBN: 978-960-402-093-5, Dardanos Publishers. 3.Health Economics in Review, Rice Thomas ISBN: 978-960-218-490-5, Kritiki Publishers 														