

Course description Master of Science in Public Health	
Module responsible: Despena Andrioti	Last updated: October 2017
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Module number: 3972702	
Module title: Health Policy	
ECTS-points	7.5
Responsible department	Department of Public Health, Centre of Maritime Health and Society
Prerequisites connected to the module	None
General objectives	<p>To describe and analyse present-day national and international policy issues relevant to the health care sector from both political science and economic perspectives.</p> <p>The purpose is to obtain analytical skills to understand health policy processes encompassing: health policy formulation, decision and implementation.</p> <p>The purpose it further to apply different theoretical perspectives from political science and economics to the health policy process and to understand the health policy process within existing organisational and institutional structure for health care systems.</p>
Specific competency objectives	<p>After participating in the module the student should be able to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • discuss the use of economic evaluation and health technology assessment in policy formulations and decision making • discuss the regulation of markets for medical doctors and the regulation of pharmaceuticals • discuss the regulations for subsidies and co-payment for health care providers and for copayment and private health insurance • discuss health care reforms • discuss international comparisons of health care systems and how international organisations influence national health policy • discuss aspects of organising and financing health care systems
Time of teaching	3 rd semester, 1 st quarter (Autumn semester)

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Competency profile of the education	This module contributes to the elements 2, 6, 9, 10 and 11 of the competency profile of the education (see MSc in Public Health curriculum section 1.4)	
Type of teaching	In this module the students will acquire new knowledge on national and international policy issues relevant to the health care sector in lectures. Students will train their ability to apply different theoretical perspectives from political science and economics to the health policy process in debates, case study group work and presentations delivered by students.	
Prerequisites connected to the examination	None	
Type of examination	Individually written assignment. The maximum size of the assignment is 10 normal pages. Internal censorship Grading by the 7-point grading scale	
Evaluation at the grade 12 / evaluation Pass	Grade 12 is given if the student has shown excellent performance, having comprehensively fulfilled the module's objectives with no or only a few minor weaknesses.	
Approved by	The Academic Study Board of Public Health	Approved on 14 August 2014