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**[Outline and Purpose of the Course]**

This course facilitates the understanding of fundamental matters and important issues in Japan’s healthcare system and policies across various settings, which span from individual healthcare institutions to national and municipal governments.

***<Content>***
- Policies, systems, projects, and developments in health care and welfare
- Healthcare funding
- Healthcare systems (provision, insurance, and payment) and healthcare costs
- Management systems and policies in healthcare quality, safety, and efficiency
- Healthcare evaluations
- Various healthcare-related plans, including regional healthcare initiatives and plans
- Structural framework of healthcare management: Organization and finances

**[Course Goals]**

- Students will understand and be able to explain key issues in healthcare systems, policies, and management, including the relevant history, current situation, theories and concepts, research and evaluation methods, as well as problems and measures.
- Students will also be able to systematically and critically interpret the significance of fundamental research and social systems.
- Students will be able to apply relevant knowledge to solve problems in public health research and practice.

**[Course Schedule and Contents]**

1. June 14 Healthcare policies: National finances and health care
2. June 21 Health care and financial resources: Insurance systems
4. July 05 Health policies: Determinants of health
5. July 12 Frameworks to understand evidence-based policies and overall systems
6. July 19 The use of economic evaluations and HTA in health care in Japan and other countries
7. July 26 Healthcare policy development process: Regarding regional healthcare initiatives
8. August 02 Healthcare systems and the Market

Note: This schedule is subject to change. Overview of the schedule will be shown at the first day.
[Class requirement]
This course is open to Students in School of Public Health.

[Method, Point of view, and Attainment levels of Evaluation]
1. Report (70%)
2. Classroom participation (30%)

[Textbook]
Reading materials will be distributed as needed.

[Reference books, etc.]
(Reference books)
- 医療制度・医療政策・医療経済（丸善出版, 2013）
- Handbook of Health Services Research (Springer Science+Business Media)
- 病院の教科書（医学書院, 2010）
- 医療安全のエビデンス・患者を守る実践方策（医学書院, 2005）
- 医療の原価計算（社会保険研究所, 2003）
- Economics for Health Care Management (Prentice Hall, 1998)

[Regarding studies out of class (preparation and review)]
Both good preparation and review are needed.

(Others (office hour, etc.)
Our department has been accepting graduate students who are interested in research related to health care policies, health care management, and health care quality/safety/cost. (http://med-econ.umin.ac.jp/int/)

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