

COURSE OUTLINE

Course Code / Title : HA4026 Selected Topics in Health Care and Ageing

Pre-requisites : HA1003

No. of AUs. : 4

Contact Hours : 52

Course Aims

This core course aims to develop your understanding of key concepts, principles and theories of health care and ageing that are essential for health-related policy analysis and pursuing careers in the health care field. In addition, it aims to develop your reflective capacity and enable them to link theory to practice through examining case studies in different countries.

Intended Learning Outcomes (ILO)

By the end of the course, you should be able to:

1. Identify and explain trends in population changes and epidemiological profiles in different countries by taking into account the political, economic, social, historical and technological situation of a country.
2. Apply key concepts and theories of health care and ageing to address the trends and policies of health care, elderly care and long-term care in different countries.
3. Evaluate the merits and demerits of reforms in health care delivery and financing systems to improve the accessibility, affordability and quality of health care.
4. Compare policy responses of different countries to current health care problems (e.g. rising medical costs, lack of medical personnel) and aging population.

Course Content

List of key topics taught:

- Demographic and Epidemiological Transition
- Health care governance
- Health care financing reform
- Medical tourism
- Public health crises
- Food safety
- Sexual and reproductive health
- Digital health
- Eastern and Western approaches to medicine

- Aging and long term care
- The development of a dementia-friendly environment
- Healthy aging

Course Assessment

Class Participation : 15%

Presentation : 20%

Short Essay : 25%

Final Essay : 40%

Total -----

100%