

Course Unit	Policy and Organization of Health Systems	Field of study	Political Science
Master in	Management - Health Services Management	School	School of Technology and Management
Academic Year	2019/2020	Year of study	1
Type	Semestral	Semester	2
Level	2-1	ECTS credits	6.0
Code	5009-517-1204-00-19		
Workload (hours)	162	Contact hours	T - TP 42 PL - TC - S 3 E - OT - O -

T - Lectures; TP - Lectures and problem-solving; PL - Problem-solving, project or laboratory; TC - Fieldwork; S - Seminar; E - Placement; OT - Tutorial; O - Other

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Learning outcomes and competences

At the end of the course unit the learner is expected to be able to:

1. Understand the role of the health system in the state functions and its relevance to political, social and economic context, in the Portuguese and European scenario;
2. Distinguish the different structures and operation of the actors of the health system;
3. Understand the range, both for users and the community, of the paradigm shift in care, in the Portuguese health system;
4. Develop skills that enable it to act as a social actor of the health system by understanding and acting on their problems and opportunities;
5. Use critical reasoning skills in the assessment of ongoing changes and be able to interact with users and the community in the implementation of necessary improvements.

Prerequisites

Before the course unit the learner is expected to be able to:
Be fluent in both oral and written English.

Course contents

Health policies. Political plan and management of health resources. Concept and organization of Health Systems. The Portuguese Health System. The role of the private sector in general and the IPSS's and non-governmental organizations in particular.

Course contents (extended version)

1. Health policies: their understanding as an obligation of the state.
2. Political plan and management of health resources.
3. Concept and organization of Health Systems; The NHS and mixed systems.
4. The Portuguese Health System:
 - Decentralization and devolution of the health sector;
 - Health authorities;
 - Regional health administrations;
 - Local health systems;
 - Health services;
 - Health units services;
 - Levels of provision of health care.
5. The role of the private sector in general and the IPSS's and non-governmental organizations.
6. The national health programmes.

Recommended reading

1. Morone, J. A. , Litman, T. J. , & Robins, L. S. (2008). Health politics and policy. Cengage Learning.
2. Oliver, A. , & Mossialos, E. (2005). European health systems reforms: looking backward to see forward? . Journal of Health Politics, Policy and Law, 30(1-2), 7-28.
3. Nolte, E. , Knai, C. , & Saltman, R. B. (2014). Assessing chronic disease management in European health systems. European Observatory on Health Systems and Policies.
4. Thomson, S. , Figueras, J. , Evetovits, T. , Jowett, M. , Mladovsky, P. , . . . & Kluge, H. (2015). Economic crisis, health systems and health in Europe: impact and implications for policy. WHO.
5. Folland, S. , Goodman, A. C. , & Stano, M. (2016). The Economics of Health and Health Care: Pearson International Edition. Routledge.

Teaching and learning methods

Theoretical-practical classes with audiovisual resources. Real-life case studies are incorporated into lectures to provide opportunities for students to apply theory into practice in a real-life context.

Assessment methods

1. Alternative 1 - (Regular, Student Worker) (Final, Supplementary)
 - Work Discussion - 50%
 - Final Written Exam - 50%
2. Alternative 2 - (Regular, Student Worker) (Special)
 - Final Written Exam - 100%

Language of instruction

Portuguese, with additional English support for foreign students.

Electronic validation

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