

Welcome to...

**Economic Analysis for Health Policy
C1 (Jan-Feb) 2013 (LSHTM 1504)**

Essentials

Times: Mondays, Tuesdays 9:30 to 17.00

Rooms and Timetable: See Blackboard

AIM:

This module aims to reinforce and deepen students' understanding of the economic concepts taught in Term 1, and to enable them to apply these ideas to analyse the policy issues around financing and organising health systems.

OBJECTIVES

By the end of this module, students should be able to:

- (1) Use the economic concepts of information, agency and incentives to analyse alternative ways of financing and organising health systems
- (2) Analyse the nature and operation of markets (for health services and for key health service inputs such as human resources), and understand the policy implications of different market structures, including the role and functioning of regulation and contracting for health services
- (3) Apply the tools of equity analysis (benefit incidence analysis and measurement of equity) to analyse the distribution of resources in the health sector
- (4) Explain the need for rationing in the health sector, and analyse different rationing mechanisms in terms of their implications for equity and efficiency

CONSTITUENCY

The Term 1 module, Introduction to Health Economics, is a prerequisite (or its equivalent for students from LSE).

Organisation:

A combination of lectures and workshops will be used. Lectures will introduce concepts and ideas. Workshops will use different formats including "journal club", role play and problem-based exercises that aim to support students' facility with economic principles and models, and enable them to apply these principles to issues of health system organisation and financing.

Preparation for workshops:

Remember to bring a pencil, paper and calculator to each session. To get the most out of the seminars ensure that you read through the exercise and the associated articles before class.

Assessment:

The assessment will take the form of a written essay (2500-3000 words) to be submitted in the last week of the course. Full details will be provided by the end of the first week of term.

Online resources: The documentation for this module (including lecture notes and seminar solutions) will be available online at the following <http://learn.lshtm.ac.uk>