Session 2 Learning and Teaching Update

The decision has been made to conduct study online for the remainder of Session 2 for all units WITHOUT mandatory on-campus learning activities. Exams for Session 2 will also be online where possible to do so.

This is due to the extension of the lockdown orders and to provide certainty around arrangements for the remainder of Session 2. We hope to return to campus beyond Session 2 as soon as it is safe and appropriate to do so.

Some classes/teaching activities cannot be moved online and must be taught on campus. You should already know if you are in one of these classes/teaching activities and your unit convenor will provide you with more information via iLearn. If you want to confirm, see the list of units with mandatory on-campus classes/teaching activities.

Visit the MQ COVID-19 information page for more detail.
## General Information

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### Credit points

10

### Prerequisites

Admission to MPH or MPH(Res) or MAppEcon

### Corequisites

Co-badged status
Unit description
This unit will introduce you to key concepts of law and economics that are relevant to public health practice. In the health economics module, you will learn about the structural and financial aspects of a health system, including funding arrangements and economic evaluations that are used to help decision-makers identify cost-effective solutions to health care problems. In the law module, you will learn how legal frameworks and instruments are crucial to advancing public health. You will explore domestic and international legal environments through the lens of public health case studies such as HIV, tobacco control, obesity and emerging infectious diseases – with close attention to how coercive powers are balanced with other interests and rights. You will be able to integrate your previous learning in the program to examine ways in which health law, economics and policy advance public health. The unit is delivered through lectures, tutorials and online activities.

Important Academic Dates
Information about important academic dates including deadlines for withdrawing from units are available at https://students.mq.edu.au/important-dates

Learning Outcomes
On successful completion of this unit, you will be able to:

**ULO1**: Describe legal frameworks, sources of legal authority and associated processes that influence public health.

**ULO2**: Critically analyse and apply evidenced-based regulatory strategies to protect public health and promote wellbeing.

**ULO3**: Illustrate the theoretical and conceptual underpinnings of health economics.

**ULO4**: Apply the principles of economic evaluation to public health allocations to decision-making at the population/community levels.

**ULO5**: Appraise funding and financing structures in national health care systems.

**ULO6**: Articulate the role of public policy in promoting and protecting health and preventing disease.

General Assessment Information
Information concerning Macquarie University's assessment policy is available at https://staff.mq.edu.au/work/strategy-planning-and-governance/university-policies-and-procedures/policies/assessment. Grade descriptors and other information concerning grading requirements are contained in Schedule 1 of the Macquarie University Assessment Policy.

To pass this unit, students must demonstrate sufficient evidence of achievement of the learning outcomes and attempt all assessment tasks.

Further details for each assessment task will be available on iLearn, including marking rubrics.
All final grades in the department of Health Systems and Populations are determined by a grading committee and are not the sole responsibility of the Unit Convenor.

Students will be awarded one of these grades plus a Standardised Numerical Grade (SNG). The SNG is not necessarily a summation of the individual assessment components. The final grade and SNG that are awarded reflect the corresponding grade descriptor in Schedule 1 of the Assessment Policy.

Extensions for Assessment tasks


Late Submission of Work

All assignments which are officially received after the due date, and where no extension has been granted by the course convenor or tutor, will incur a deduction of 5% per day penalty including weekends and public holidays. If you submit the assessment task 10 days or more beyond the due date, without an approved extension, you will be awarded a maximum of 50% of the overall assessment marks.

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Assessment Tasks

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Health Economics Theory Quiz

Assessment Type 1: Quiz/Test
Indicative Time on Task 2: 20 hours
Due: Week 3
Weighting: 20%

Online Quizzes for Health Economics module

On successful completion you will be able to:

- Illustrate the theoretical and conceptual underpinnings of health economics.
- Apply the principles of economic evaluation to public health allocations to decision-making at the population/community levels.
- Appraise funding and financing structures in national health care systems.

Health Economics Written Assignment

Assessment Type 1: Report
Indicative Time on Task 2: 30 hours
Due: Week 8
Weighting: 30%

A report for Health Law and Governance module in which students will respond to public health questions using health economic theory and policy solutions frameworks.

On successful completion you will be able to:

- Describe legal frameworks, sources of legal authority and associated processes that influence public health.
- Critically analyse and apply evidenced-based regulatory strategies to protect public health and promote wellbeing.
- Articulate the role of public policy in promoting and protecting health and preventing disease.

Law module engagement

Assessment Type 1: Participatory task
Indicative Time on Task 2: 20 hours
Due: Continuous
Weighting: 20%

Students will participate in weekly online activities designed to stimulate engagement with learning materials, interaction between students and scaffolding of learning including preparation for the written report.

On successful completion you will be able to:
- Describe legal frameworks, sources of legal authority and associated processes that influence public health.
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Law module report
Assessment Type: Report
Indicative Time on Task: 30 hours
Due: Week 13
Weighting: 30%

Students will write a structured report based on a case study of the use of legal frameworks and instruments to advance public health.

On successful completion you will be able to:
- Describe legal frameworks, sources of legal authority and associated processes that influence public health.
- Critically analyse and apply evidenced-based regulatory strategies to protect public health and promote wellbeing.
- Articulate the role of public policy in promoting and protecting health and preventing disease.

Portfolio Reflection
Assessment Type: Reflective Writing
Indicative Time on Task: 1 hours
Due: Week 15
Reflection of student performance and achievement of course learning outcomes

On successful completion you will be able to:

• Describe legal frameworks, sources of legal authority and associated processes that influence public health.
• Critically analyse and apply evidenced-based regulatory strategies to protect public health and promote wellbeing.
• Illustrate the theoretical and conceptual underpinnings of health economics.
• Apply the principles of economic evaluation to public health allocations to decision-making at the population/community levels.
• Appraise funding and financing structures in national health care systems.
• Articulate the role of public policy in promoting and protecting health and preventing disease.

1 If you need help with your assignment, please contact:
   • the academic teaching staff in your unit for guidance in understanding or completing this type of assessment
   • the Learning Skills Unit for academic skills support.

2 Indicative time-on-task is an estimate of the time required for completion of the assessment task and is subject to individual variation

Delivery and Resources

Unit Organisation

This is a ten credit point unit run over a 13 week session. Further information is available via the online Learning Management System (LMS) iLearn http://iLearn.mq.edu.

Readings

The readings for each week will be listed in iLearn using the Leganto system. Leganto is the reading list management system, which you can access through your iLearn unit. More information on Leganto is available here: http://libguides.mq.edu.au/leganto

Readings marked as 'required' are essential for completion in the marked week. Some readings may be included that are marked as 'recommended' or 'secondary sources', these are additional
materials that may be of interest to you. Please use these at your discretion.

**Technology and equipment**

**Off-campus**

To study optimally when off campus you will need to have access to a reliable internet connection to retrieve unit information and at times to join interactive sessions (e.g., Zoom) or submit assessment tasks via iLearn.

**On-campus**

Teaching rooms are equipped with state-of-the-art audio-visual and ICT equipment including internet connection, high-quality video cameras, and multiple LCD screens.

*Where learning activities (such as tutorials and other small group learning activities) are offered on-campus an online version will be available for those students who choose to continue their studies online (selected via eStudent).*

**Policies and Procedures**

Macquarie University policies and procedures are accessible from Policy Central (https://policies.mq.edu.au). Students should be aware of the following policies in particular with regard to Learning and Teaching:

- Academic Appeals Policy
- Academic Integrity Policy
- Academic Progression Policy
- Assessment Policy
- Fitness to Practice Procedure
- Grade Appeal Policy
- Complaint Management Procedure for Students and Members of the Public
- Special Consideration Policy

Students seeking more policy resources can visit Student Policies (https://students.mq.edu.au/support/study/policies). It is your one-stop-shop for the key policies you need to know about throughout your undergraduate student journey.

To find other policies relating to Teaching and Learning, visit Policy Central (https://policies.mq.edu.au) and use the search tool.

**Student Code of Conduct**

Macquarie University students have a responsibility to be familiar with the Student Code of Conduct: https://students.mq.edu.au/admin/other-resources/student-conduct
Results

Results published on platform other than eStudent, (eg. iLearn, Coursera etc.) or released directly by your Unit Convenor, are not confirmed as they are subject to final approval by the University. Once approved, final results will be sent to your student email address and will be made available in eStudent. For more information visit ask.mq.edu.au or if you are a Global MBA student contact globalmba.support@mq.edu.au

Student Support

Macquarie University provides a range of support services for students. For details, visit http://students.mq.edu.au/support/

Learning Skills

Learning Skills (mq.edu.au/learningskills) provides academic writing resources and study strategies to help you improve your marks and take control of your study.

• Getting help with your assignment
• Workshops
• StudyWise
• Academic Integrity Module

The Library provides online and face to face support to help you find and use relevant information resources.

• Subject and Research Guides
• Ask a Librarian

Student Enquiry Service

For all student enquiries, visit Student Connect at ask.mq.edu.au

If you are a Global MBA student contact globalmba.support@mq.edu.au

Equity Support

Students with a disability are encouraged to contact the Disability Service who can provide appropriate help with any issues that arise during their studies.

IT Help

For help with University computer systems and technology, visit http://www.mq.edu.au/about_us/offices_and_units/information_technology/help/.

When using the University's IT, you must adhere to the Acceptable Use of IT Resources Policy. The policy applies to all who connect to the MQ network including students.