Health Economics

Module Code: ECO00006H  Credits: 20  Year: 3  Terms: 1-2
Contact Hours: 16 Lectures, 8 Seminars (24 contact hours)
Module Organiser: M Peron

Overview:
The module will introduce students to the economics of health and health care and provide both analytical methods and factual information to enable students to evaluate current developments and issues in the British National Health Service and overseas health care systems. The module makes extensive use of microeconomic models and empirical (regression-based) studies. The focus of the empirical studies is on the econometric specification, the broad identification approach and, most importantly, the results. Although econometrics is not a pre-requisite, students need to be familiar (or willing to become familiar) with regression analysis.

Aims:
To provide training in the use of economic analysis in different aspects of health and health care.

Objectives:
On completing the module a student will be able to:
- Understand and evaluate the major theories and empirical work in the field
- Evaluate current health policies within a formal economic framework

Assessment:
There will be a 3-hour unseen examination in the Summer Term.

Pre-requisites:
None

Main References:
Selected chapters from: