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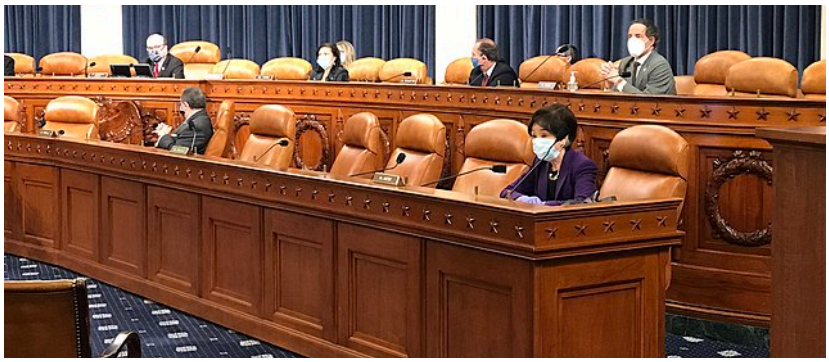
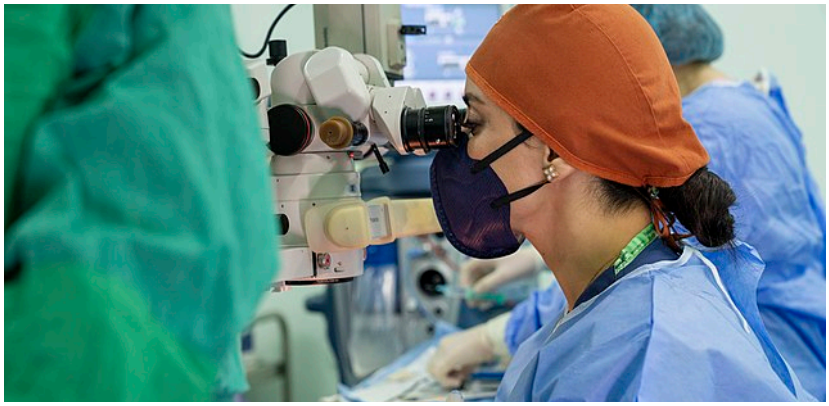
HEALTH CARE POLICY
FALL 2026, ONLINE ASYNCHRONOUS





What goes into the laws and policies that govern our health care systems? And how is health care a social issue?

This course will help you come to an understanding about the ways in which healthcare in the United States is organized through social policy in such a way as to facilitate, manipulate, or prohibit social activity and social change. We will not only examine the ways in which complex organizations operate within medical institutional frameworks, but also the connection between this activity and the ideological systems, including systems of inequality, that dominate society.

Prereqs: N/A
Credits: 3
Counts towards major requirements of:
Sociology, Business, Kinesiology, Liberal Studies in Health Administration, and Nursing.

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