

POLS 111, Fall 2009
United States Politics:
Current Problems and Controversies—Health Care Policy

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Are you interested in learning more about how health care policies are made in the U.S.? How do certain health care issues come to the attention of policy makers while others do not? What percentage of the federal budget is devoted to health care-related issues? What types of policies are adopted by federal and state governments to address issues like childhood obesity, smoke-free air, cancer control, and substance abuse treatment and what factors are associated with such policies being adopted or not? What role do advocacy and interest groups play in affecting the health care policy agenda? This course will discuss all of these issues and more. Each week, we will discuss a different aspect of the policy making process in the U.S., drawing from specific examples from health care policy making.