COURSE NO., HOURS, AND TITLE:
HCM 462 – Healthcare Reform and the Affordable Care Act

COURSE DESCRIPTION:
An introductory exploration of the history of healthcare reform and the landmark healthcare reform legislation known as the Affordable Care Act. Focus in on individual mandates, the impact on medical practice and healthcare organizations, employers, insurers, and individuals. Changes to Medicare, Medicaid, Long Term Care, Abortion, Dental Care, Mental Health, and the delivery of care will be examined. Not for graduate credit.

TEXTBOOK(S):

PREREQUISITE: N/A

COURSE OBJECTIVES:
At the conclusion of this undergraduate course, the student will be able to:

1. Analyze and maneuver through the actual Affordable Care Act document.

2. Discuss the history and implementation of the Affordable Care Act.

3. Explain individual mandates and the restrictions on insurers.

4. Understand the changes to Medicare, Medicaid, abortion, mental health, dental care, medical practice and more.

5. Discuss the financial issues involved with paying for the Affordable Care Act including taxes, penalties, and spending cuts.
TOPICAL OUTLINE:

I. History of Health Care Reform and the Affordable Care Act  5%

II. Review of the Affordable Care Act document    20%

III. Individual Mandates        15%

IV. Restrictions on Insurers     10%

V. Changes to Existing Systems    30%

VI. Taxes, Penalties, Spending Cuts  5%

VII. Delivery of Care: The New Era  15%

GRADING SCALE:

1000-900 = A, 899 - 800 = B, 799 - 700 = C, 699-600 = D, 599-0 = F

COURSE DELIVERABLES:

4 Opinion Papers             4 @ 100 = 400
4 Assignments                4 @ 100 = 400
2 Exams                     2 @ 100 = 200