

**DESCRIPTION OF THE SUBJECT OF DOCTORAL STUDIES
AT VILNIUS UNIVERSITY**

Mokslo sritis/ys, kryptis/ys (kodai)	Medical and Health Sciences (M 000): Public Health (M004); Nursing (M005)			
Faculty, Institute, Department /Clinic	Faculty of Medicine Institute of Health Sciences Department of Public Health			
Title of the subject (ECTS credits, hours)	Health Policy 5 credits (135 hours)			
Study method of the subject	Lectures	Seminars	Consultations	Self-study
Number of ECTS credits	0.5	1	1	2.5
Evaluation strategy (10-point scale)	Presentation and evaluation of the report: the topic is chosen by the PhD student independently depending on the topic of his dissertation. The topic is coordinated by the PhD student with the coordinating lector. The PhD student must analyze, review and present the latest scientific publications related to the target topic. It is evaluated in a 10-point scale.			
THE OBJECTIVE OF A SUBJECT				
Form and expand science-based knowledge of health care policy formation and implementation and develop new scientific competences, forming a broad international approach to health policy, its goals, objectives, planning, implementation, evaluation, science-based decision-making process in the fields of personal and public health care, pharmaceuticals.				
THE BASIC TOPICS OF A SUBJECT				
<p>Health protection system and health care policy: principles of health policy formation, health policy change, health system evaluation indicators, sources of health information. Health policy factors: health care organizations and their environment, changes in social norms and expectations, demographic and epidemiological situation, development of medical technologies, influence of environmental factors on the activities of organizations, financing, service evaluation and qualification improvement, health care employees in the organization (the role of nursing professionals is changing, the role of other professionals is increasing). Research in health care policy and management. Information management. Leadership styles. Problems of public management in health care. The state of health of the country's population, justice in health relations, prevention-oriented health system, links between public health and healthy lifestyle, forming health care policy. Occupational health assessment methods.</p> <p>Health care policy and organization in global practice: regulatory models of health service delivery, health care costs, the role of the state and the market, decentralization and centralization.</p> <p>International health policy documents: Almaty Declaration, Ottawa Charter, Ljubljana Charter, Jakarta Declaration, Bangkok Charter, WHO Doctrine "Health for All in the 21st Century", Ljubljana Charter, European Union Health Strategy, Health Strategic Programs.</p> <p>Formation of Lithuania's national health policy: history of health care reform; national health policy process. National concept of health. Lithuanian health program: past, present, future. Health system laws. Mental health and mental health policy. Control</p>				

of the use of alcohol, tobacco, narcotic and psychotropic substances. Protection of patients' rights in the Lithuanian health system.

Organization of personal health care: primary, secondary and tertiary health care; health system institutions; healthcare professionals; social services and social care. Healthcare financing models. Health care guaranteed by the state and supported by municipalities. Personnel policy: personnel planning in Lithuania, personnel policy in foreign countries. Lithuanian health care resources: quality and availability of health care; healthcare management and financing.

Drug policy in Lithuania: economic entities of the pharmaceutical sector, pharmaceutical industry, state regulatory and control institutions of the pharmaceutical sector. Lithuanian drug market.

THE MOST IMPORTANT RECOMMENDED LITERATURE

1. Boon W P.C, Edler J, Robinson D. K. R. 2022. Conceptualizing market formation for transformative policy. *Environmental Innovation and Societal Transitions* Volume 42, March 2022, Pages 152-169.
2. Arnold, Gwen, Le Anh Nguyen Long, and Madeline Gottlieb. 2017. Social Networks and Policy Entrepreneurship: How Relationships Shape Municipal Decision Making about High-Volume Hydraulic Fracturing. *Policy Studies Journal* 45(3): 414–41.
3. Lawlor, Andrea, and Deserai Crow. 2018. "Risk-Based Policy Narratives." *Policy Studies Journal* 46(4): 843–67.
4. Wei Zhou, Yu Yu, Mei Yang, Lizhang Chen and Shuiyuan Xiao. 2018. Policy development and challenges of global mental health: a systematic review of published studies of national-level mental health policies. *BMC Psychiatry* (2018) 18:138 <https://doi.org/10.1186/s12888-018-1711-1>.
5. Eleanor Brooks, Robert Geyer. 2020. The development of EU health policy and the Covid-19 pandemic: trends and implications. *J. Volume 42, 2020 - Issue 8: Pandemic Politics and European Union responses*.
6. Melissa Mialon, Stefanie Vandevijvere, Angela Carriedo-Lutzenkirchen, Lisa Bero, Fabio Gomes, Mark Petticrew, Martin McKee, David Stuckler, Gary Sacks. 2019. Mechanisms for addressing and managing the influence of corporations on public health policy, research and practice: a scoping review. *BMJ Open* 2020;10e034082. doi:10.1136/bmjopen-2019-034082.
7. Paola Abril Campos & Michael R. Reich. 2019. Political Analysis for Health Policy Implementation, *Health Systems & Reform*, 5:3, 224-235, DOI: 10.1080/23288604.2019.1625251.
8. Andreas Charalambous. 2019. Social Media and Healthy Policy. *Asia-Pacific Journal of Oncology Nursing* Volume 6 Issue 1 January-March 2019.
9. Europos Tarybos dokumentai sveikatos politikos formavimui. <https://www.consilium.europa.eu/en/policies/eu-health-policy/>
10. Sveikatos politikos formavimas PSO. 2014. https://www.euro.who.int/_data/assets/pdf_file/0008/259955/Everything-you-always-wanted-to-know-about-European-Union-health-policies-but-were-afraid-to-ask.pdf

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