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Comparative Health Systems Course

The Comparative Health Systems Course is a graduate course cross listed between the School of Business (ORG A 686) and the School of Public Health (PHS 709). It has a number of key features:

- Use of Blackboard Technology from School of Business
- Involvement of Resource persons from each of the 4 countries being studied in relation to Canada' health system
- Use of Elluminate to provide interactive seminar sessions for persons at a distance
- Offering the course to students at U of A, U of S and UBC.

The course was offered for the first time in W 2006 with U of A students only and involved face to face seminars every other week with students using Blackboard for assignments in the intervening weeks.

The course is organized into six modules as follow:

- Organization and Governance
- Economics, Financing and System Performance
- Health Human Resources
- Primary Health Care
- Pharmaceutical Policy
- Demand and Utilization management

Project Objectives

TTRI support has been requested to assist with the further development of the course for the course offering in W2007. The objectives for this further development are:

1. To integrate the Blackboard and Elluminate technologies through shared applications;
2. To host Elluminate sessions alternatively from U of A and U of S sites allowing all other students to be linked in;
3. To evaluate both effectiveness of the course both in terms of the content covered and the technology used to deliver the course