

Public Affairs

Expand and deepen your leadership for the sake of the public good.

The Berkeley Master of Public Affairs (MPA) program is a 30-unit one-year program, designed to benefit mid-career professionals in the public, private, and non-profit sectors. MPA students are seeking advancement in their careers and are poised to take on greater leadership and policy-focused roles in their workplace and professional communities.

Learn the skills to make an impact

The focus of the degree is on policy analysis combined with deep engagement with questions of organizational leadership and ethics, innovation, economic analysis, and strategy. Students also undertake individual and group assignments that emphasize both short turnaround analyses and in-depth studies of policy issues. You conclude the program by designing a Capstone project with a real world client. MPA students conduct a thorough analysis of a major policy question facing the organization, while applying the interdisciplinary methods, approaches, and perspectives studied in the MPA curriculum.

Learn from distinguished Goldman School faculty and a global community

Classes are taught by top faculty, researchers and practitioners (<https://gspp.berkeley.edu/faculty-and-impact/faculty/>) who are on the leading edge of today's most pressing public policy issues: energy & climate change, national security & international development, information technology, education, race, equity & social justice and urban policy & labor.

Throughout your studies, you will enjoy personal attention in small classes, and join a network of professionals and executives leading the charge to shape government, business and nonprofits.

Please visit our departmental website (<https://gspp.berkeley.edu/programs/masters-of-public-affairs-mpa/applying-for-the-mpa/>) for comprehensive Admissions information.

Unit Requirements: 30 Units

Required Core Courses:

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PUB AFF 201 Confronting Public Policy Challenges 2 Units

Terms offered: Summer 2020 Second 6 Week Session

This course is designed to introduce mid-career executives to three things: a typology of "kinds of problems" that confront those leading organizations; a sampling of major problems confronting leaders in the next decades; and a sampling of solutions to problems confronting leaders. It introduces the rest of the Berkeley MPA summer core program with examples of the kinds of problems that modern leaders must confront and the kinds of solutions that must be devised. The course features at least one article or book by a GSPP faculty member in each session except the last.

Confronting Public Policy Challenges: Read More [+]

Hours & Format

Summer: 3 weeks - 36 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Public Affairs/Graduate

Grading: Letter grade.

Confronting Public Policy Challenges: Read Less [-]

PUB AFF 202 Policy Analysis Toolkit Course 3 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2019, Fall 2018, Fall 2017

This course is designed to improve our abilities to think creatively and critically about public policy problems and solutions. The course provides the opportunity to synthesize the skills you have acquired through your summer core coursework and apply these skills to real world policy problems. We open the course with a discussion of what it is that policy analysts do and how their work fits into the broader policy process. We then move into an overview of the policy analysis framework, drawing on the eightfold path you were introduced to in the Policy Frameworks course.

Policy Analysis Toolkit Course: Read More [+]

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture and 2 hours of discussion per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Public Affairs/Graduate

Grading: Letter grade.

Policy Analysis Toolkit Course: Read Less [-]

PUB AFF W202 Policy Analysis Toolkit Course 3 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2019, Fall 2018, Fall 2017

This course is designed to improve our abilities to think creatively and critically about public policy problems and solutions. The course provides the opportunity to synthesize the skills you have acquired through your summer core coursework and apply these skills to real world policy problems. We open the course with a discussion of what it is that policy analysts do and how their work fits into the broader policy process. We then move into an overview of the policy analysis framework, drawing on the eightfold path you were introduced to in the Gateway course.

Policy Analysis Toolkit Course: [Read More](#) [+]

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of web-based lecture and 2 hours of web-based discussion per week

Online: This is an online course.

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Public Affairs/Graduate

Grading: Letter grade.

Policy Analysis Toolkit Course: [Read Less](#) [-]

PUB AFF 205 Policy Frameworks and Challenges 1 Unit

Terms offered: Summer 2020 Second 6 Week Session, Summer 2019 Second 6 Week Session, Summer 2018 Second 6 Week Session

This course is designed to introduce mid-career executives to "big ideas" in public policy: the fundamental dilemmas in governance, representation, resource creation and distribution, that eternally confront societies and public leaders, and various approaches to resolving these dilemmas.

Policy Frameworks and Challenges: [Read More](#) [+]

Rules & Requirements

Credit Restrictions: This class takes material from Pub Aff 201 and puts it into a 1-credit class format. Students may not receive credit for both Pub Aff 201 and Pub Aff 205.

Hours & Format

Summer: 6 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Public Affairs/Graduate

Grading: Letter grade.

Instructor: Mauldon

Policy Frameworks and Challenges: [Read Less](#) [-]

PUB AFF 207 The Capstone 4 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2022, Spring 2021, Spring 2020

The MPA Capstone Course is designed to enable each MPA student to write their Capstone Analytic Project, which will address a specific policy or programmatic challenge facing a real-world client. The weekly course meetings are structured to help students further hone their creativity, their analytic capacities and their writing and presentation skills as they develop the project through its various stages. Participants work closely together to learn from and help each other. Each student's final product, their CAP, is a thorough analysis of the client's problem or challenge that draws on the interdisciplinary methods, approaches, and perspectives studied in the Toolkit class and other classes in the MPA core curriculum. The Capstone: [Read More](#) [+]

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture and 2 hours of discussion per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Public Affairs/Graduate

Grading: Letter grade.

The Capstone: [Read Less](#) [-]

PUB AFF W207 The Capstone 4 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2021, Summer 2020 Second 6 Week Session, Spring 2020

The MPA Capstone Course is designed to enable each MPA student to write their Capstone Analytic Project, which will address a specific policy or programmatic challenge facing a real-world client. The weekly course meetings are structured to help students further hone their creativity, their analytic capacities and their writing and presentation skills as they develop the project through its various stages. Participants work closely together to learn from and help each other. Each student's final product, their CAP, is a thorough analysis of the client's problem or challenge that draws on the interdisciplinary methods, approaches, and perspectives studied in the Toolkit class and other classes in the MPA core curriculum. The Capstone: [Read More](#) [+]

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of web-based lecture and 2 hours of web-based discussion per week

Online: This is an online course.

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Public Affairs/Graduate

Grading: Letter grade.

The Capstone: [Read Less](#) [-]

PUB AFF 215 Economics for Public Policy Makers 3 Units

Terms offered: Summer 2019 First 6 Week Session, Summer 2018 First 6 Week Session

This course is designed to familiarize the executive student with the ways in which microeconomic analysis is brought to bear on public policy issues. You will learn (1) to identify the relevant economic questions concerning policy issues of interest to you, (2) to comprehend the economic arguments that bear on these issues, (3) to evaluate these arguments in terms of their strengths and weaknesses, and (4) when to utilize specific tools and methods from microeconomics to address the policy issues.

Economics for Public Policy Makers: [Read More](#) [+]

Hours & Format

Summer:

3 weeks - 15 hours of lecture per week

6 weeks - 6-15 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Public Affairs/Graduate

Grading: Letter grade.

Economics for Public Policy Makers: [Read Less](#) [-]

PUB AFF 225 Policy Communications 1 Unit

Terms offered: Summer 2021 Second 6 Week Session, Summer 2020 Second 6 Week Session

The Goldman School equips students to speak truth to power. In this course, the goal is to focus on the art and science of persuasive oral communication in policy. This course equips students with the best practices of oral communication and provides them with a safe space to find their voice. We focus primarily on persuasion.

Policy Communications: [Read More](#) [+]

Hours & Format

Summer: 3 weeks - 5 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Public Affairs/Graduate

Grading: Letter grade.

Policy Communications: [Read Less](#) [-]

PUB AFF 235 Research Methods for Policy Leaders 1 Unit

Terms offered: Summer 2019 First 6 Week Session, Summer 2018 First 6 Week Session

This course presents an introduction overview of quantitative and qualitative research methods and an introduction to the research process in public policy decision#making.

Research Methods for Policy Leaders: [Read More](#) [+]

Hours & Format

Summer:

3 weeks - 5 hours of lecture per week

6 weeks - 3-12 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Public Affairs/Graduate

Grading: Letter grade.

Research Methods for Policy Leaders: [Read Less](#) [-]

PUB AFF 245 Inferential Statistics for Policy Makers 1 Unit

Terms offered: Summer 2021 Second 6 Week Session, Summer 2020 Second 6 Week Session, Summer 2019 First 6 Week Session

In this course, we are going to study the use of research methods, statistics, and probability theory in public decision making. We will begin with case studies of important public policy topics where key decisions depend on the interpretation of results from empirical research or on probabilistic assessments of the likelihood of various outcomes. We will then study the basics of probability theory, statistical sampling, hypothesis testing, and inferring causality.

Inferential Statistics for Policy Makers: [Read More](#) [+]

Hours & Format

Summer: 3 weeks - 5 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Public Affairs/Graduate

Grading: Letter grade.

Inferential Statistics for Policy Makers: [Read Less](#) [-]

PUB AFF 255 Risk and Decision Models 1 Unit

Terms offered: Prior to 2007

This course examines mathematical models useful in policy analysis and management through a series of exercises and hands-on experimentation. It assumes knowledge of basic economics and introductory statistics.

Risk and Decision Models: Read More [\[+\]](#)

Hours & Format

Summer: 3 weeks - 5 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Public Affairs/Graduate

Grading: Letter grade.

Risk and Decision Models: Read Less [\[-\]](#)

PUB AFF 260 Applied Inferential Statistics for Policy Analysis 1 Unit

Terms offered: Summer 2019 Second 6 Week Session, Summer 2018 Second 6 Week Session

There is increasing emphasis throughout the public and non-profit sectors to invest in practices that are "evidence based". In this course, we are going to study the role of empirical research in public decision making and the common research strategies employed to study problems of causal inference and prediction. The effectiveness of specific intervention often relies on research attempting to demonstrate that one variable (for example, a particular educational intervention) has a causal effect on an outcome of interest (for example, successful completion of high school). We will study the various research strategies that are employed to uncover causal effects and to evaluate the effects of programmatic interventions.

Applied Inferential Statistics for Policy Analysis: Read More [\[+\]](#)

Hours & Format

Summer: 1.5 weeks - 13 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Public Affairs/Graduate

Grading: Letter grade.

Instructor: Raphael

Applied Inferential Statistics for Policy Analysis: Read Less [\[-\]](#)

PUB AFF 265 Financial Management and Budgeting 1 Unit

Terms offered: Summer 2021 Second 6 Week Session, Summer 2020 Second 6 Week Session

This course discusses methods for making organizations perform with an emphasis on managerial and financial accounting. Procurement, quality assurance, and performance evaluations of employees are also discussed. Managerial accounting is a set of tools used by managers for planning, implementation, and control. Financial accounting is a set of tools used by managers and outside observers for reporting on and analyzing an organization's financial health.

Financial Management and Budgeting: Read More [\[+\]](#)

Hours & Format

Summer: 3 weeks - 5 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Public Affairs/Graduate

Grading: Letter grade.

Financial Management and Budgeting: Read Less [\[-\]](#)

PUB AFF 270 Negotiations 3 Units

Terms offered: Prior to 2007

The objective of this course is to improve negotiation skills and to increase the ability to resolve conflicts in a multitude of situations, including public policy disputes. Topics will include: distributive and integrative bargaining; preparation strategies; defense to ploys; power and perceptions; team and multi-party negotiations; political, legislative and regulatory negotiations; emotions and gender, email negotiations, handling difficult negotiators, impact of personality traits and public policy mediation. Simulated negotiation exercises and role-plays will be used extensively.

Negotiations: Read More [\[+\]](#)

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture and 2 hours of discussion per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Public Affairs/Graduate

Grading: Letter grade.

Instructor: Dayonot

Formerly known as: Public Affairs W270

Negotiations: Read Less [\[-\]](#)

PUB AFF 271 Program Evaluation 3 Units

Terms offered: Prior to 2007

Program evaluation is the systematic investigation of social programs, regulations, or policies. The aim of program evaluation is to provide valid findings in order to determine whether a particular program or policy is achieving its objectives. Evaluations are used for various reasons, most commonly to aid in decisions concerning whether programs should be continued, improved, expanded, or curtailed. This course will introduce students to a variety of research designs and related methodological tools useful for evaluating the impact of public policies and programs. Program Evaluation: Read More [\[+\]](#)

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture and 3 hours of discussion per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Public Affairs/Graduate

Grading: Letter grade.

Instructor: Weare

Formerly known as: Public Affairs W271

Program Evaluation: Read Less [\[-\]](#)

PUB AFF 274 Storytelling for Leadership 1 Unit

Terms offered: Summer 2021 Second 6 Week Session, Summer 2020 Second 6 Week Session

Inspirational and authentic leaders understand that in order to inspire and earn the trusts of others, they must first be willing to reveal who they are and what they truly believe in. In this course, we will study how leaders and change agents use storytelling to inspire people and enroll others into their vision. More importantly, you will have the opportunity to discover and tell your own leadership stories—who you are, your personal beliefs and values, and your personal/professional aspirations and passion. The goal of the course is to provide the foundations to develop both the content and the delivery of a compelling story. Storytelling for Leadership: Read More [\[+\]](#)

Storytelling for Leadership: Read More [\[+\]](#)

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 1 hour of lecture per week

Summer: 2 weeks - 8 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Public Affairs/Graduate

Grading: Letter grade.

Instructor: Charnsupharindr

Storytelling for Leadership: Read Less [\[-\]](#)

PUB AFF 280 The Eightfold Path for Policy Analysis 1 Unit

Terms offered: Summer 2020 Second 6 Week Session, Summer 2019 Second 6 Week Session, Summer 2018 Second 6 Week Session

This course is focused exclusively on teaching a classic method of public policy analysis, the so-called Eightfold Path for Policy Analysis. Class sessions will be devoted to discussion and applications of each step of this approach. Students will develop a policy analysis on a topic of their choice, and write it up as a final course assignment.

The Eightfold Path for Policy Analysis: Read More [\[+\]](#)

Hours & Format

Summer:

1.5 weeks - 14 hours of lecture per week

6 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Public Affairs/Graduate

Grading: Letter grade.

Instructor: Mauldon

The Eightfold Path for Policy Analysis: Read Less [\[-\]](#)

PUB AFF 283 Leading People and Organizations 1 Unit

Terms offered: Prior to 2007

This course is designed to help students develop their skills for leading and managing large groups, government agencies, nonprofit organizations, and public advocacy, with the goal of achieving positive social change. Materials include case studies, analyses, and works from several disciplines. This course will provide higher-level topics of leadership strategy, visionary management, and executive communication styles. Leading People and Organizations: Read More [\[+\]](#)

Leading People and Organizations: Read More [\[+\]](#)

Hours & Format

Summer: 1.5 weeks - 13 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Public Affairs/Graduate

Grading: Letter grade.

Leading People and Organizations: Read Less [\[-\]](#)

PUB AFF 285 Ethical Issues for Policy Leaders 1 or 2 Units

Terms offered: Summer 2020 Second 6 Week Session, Summer 2019 Second 6 Week Session, Summer 2018 Second 6 Week Session

The objective of this course is to assess the strengths and weaknesses of ethical arguments in the process and substance of policymaking. Those who seek to govern well inescapably confront questions of value in their political, professional and personal choices. The discussion of ethical dilemmas is designed to provoke analytic reflection on the moral challenges and responsibilities for public policymaking in a democracy. The focus is on the many and often competing obligations, commitments and values that should guide public actors, as well as on the public principles that guide the design of good public policy.

Ethical Issues for Policy Leaders: Read More [+]

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 8 weeks - 2-4 hours of lecture per week

Summer: 3 weeks - 5-13 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Public Affairs/Graduate

Grading: Letter grade.

Ethical Issues for Policy Leaders: Read Less [-]

PUB AFF 287 Innovation, Strategy and Leadership: Making Change in Public Organizations. 2 Units

Terms offered: Summer 2019 First 6 Week Session, Summer 2018 First 6 Week Session

This course focuses on creating and implementing change within public organizations through the application of strategic planning, innovation and leadership. We will discuss where new ideas come from and how they can be generated, evaluated and implemented. The methods developed in other parts of the summer curriculum become the support for proving that new ideas are good ideas (or for finding out that they are bad ideas). We will explore how each method can be useful to a leader (both formal and informal) at various levels within a public organization through case studies and real world examples. The course will introduce leadership themes which will be explored further in PUB AFF 283: Leading People and Organizations.

Innovation, Strategy and Leadership: Making Change in Public Organizations.: Read More [+]

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Hours & Format

Summer:

3 weeks - 10 hours of lecture per week

6 weeks - 5-10 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Public Affairs/Graduate

Grading: Letter grade.

Innovation, Strategy and Leadership: Making Change in Public Organizations.: Read Less [-]

PUB AFF 288 Digital Economy: Public Policy Making in the Fourth Industrial Revolution 1 Unit

Terms offered: Prior to 2007

In the Fourth Industrial Revolution, emerging technologies such as artificial intelligence, blockchain, and gene editing will transform the way we work and the way we live. The speed, scope, and scale of the technological changes are unprecedented, which pose serious challenges to policy makers – how do you create agile public policies to not only keep up with technologies, but to anticipate future trends in this fast-moving digital economy? We will take a practical approach to examine the issues and challenges of “tech policy” from a global perspective, including topics such as digital trade, data privacy, digital payment, artificial intelligence, gene editing, blockchain, and more. Digital Economy: Public Policy Making in the Fourth Industrial Revolution: Read More [+]

Objectives & Outcomes

Course Objectives: Apply the learnings of the class and develop “mock policy” for an emerging technology.

Discover tech policy-making from three different perspectives:

government, private sector, and civil society.

Understand the fundamentals of tech policy and how to develop tech policy for the digital economy.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 2 weeks - 8 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Public Affairs/Graduate

Grading: Letter grade.

Instructor: Fan

Digital Economy: Public Policy Making in the Fourth Industrial Revolution: Read Less [-]

PUB AFF 290 Special Topics in Public Affairs 1 - 4 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2022, Spring 2022, Fall 2021

Course examines current problems and issues in the field of public affairs. Topics may vary from year to year and will be announced at the beginning of the semester.

Special Topics in Public Affairs: [Read More](#) [+]

Rules & Requirements

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit without restriction.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring:

8 weeks - 2-6 hours of lecture per week

15 weeks - 1-4 hours of lecture per week

Summer: 6 weeks - 2.5-10 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Public Affairs/Graduate

Grading: The grading option will be decided by the instructor when the class is offered.

Special Topics in Public Affairs: [Read Less](#) [-]

PUB AFF W290 Special Topics in Public Affairs 1 - 4 Units

Terms offered: Summer 2022 Second 6 Week Session, Fall 2021, Summer 2021 Second 6 Week Session

Course examines current problems and issues in the field of public affairs. Topics may vary from year to year and will be announced at the beginning of the semester.

Special Topics in Public Affairs: [Read More](#) [+]

Rules & Requirements

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit without restriction.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 1-4 hours of web-based lecture and 1-4 hours of web-based discussion per week

Online: This is an online course.

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Public Affairs/Graduate

Grading: The grading option will be decided by the instructor when the class is offered.

Special Topics in Public Affairs: [Read Less](#) [-]

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PUB POL C20AC THE 2020 ELECTION 4 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2020

During the fall 2020 semester we will have the quadrennial opportunity to study American politics during a presidential campaign. Combining real-time analysis of the election, an in-depth study of the relevant historical and sociological trends that are shaping this moment, and a lively roster of guest speakers from across the Berkeley campus and community, this class will provide students with a comprehensive and interdisciplinary introduction to American politics in a time of unprecedented crisis and possibility.

THE 2020 ELECTION: [Read More](#) [+]

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture and 1 hour of discussion per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Public Policy/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Alternative to final exam.

Instructors: Cohen, Jayaraman

Also listed as: AFRICAM C20AC

THE 2020 ELECTION: [Read Less](#) [-]

PUB POL 24 Freshman Seminar 1 Unit

Terms offered: Fall 2018, Fall 2017, Spring 2016

The Freshman Seminar Program has been designed to provide new students with the opportunity to explore an intellectual topic with a faculty member in a small-seminar setting. Freshman seminars are offered in all campus departments, and topics vary from department to department and semester to semester. Enrollment limited to 15 freshmen.

Freshman Seminar: [Read More](#) [+]

Rules & Requirements

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit when topic changes.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 1 hour of seminar per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Public Policy/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: The grading option will be decided by the instructor when the class is offered. Final exam required.

Freshman Seminar: [Read Less](#) [-]

PUB POL 39B Freshman/Sophomore Seminar 2 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2012

Freshman and sophomore seminars offer lower-division students the opportunity to explore an intellectual topic with a faculty member and a group of peers in a small seminar setting. These seminars are offered in all campus departments; topics vary from department to department and from semester to semester. Enrollment limits are set by the faculty, but the suggested limit is 25.

Freshman/Sophomore Seminar: [Read More](#) [+]

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 10 weeks - 2 hours of seminar per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Public Policy/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: The grading option will be decided by the instructor when the class is offered. Final exam required.

Freshman/Sophomore Seminar: [Read Less](#) [-]

PUB POL 98 Group Study in Public Policy 1 - 4 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2022, Fall 2021, Fall 2020

Group study on selected public policy topics. Open to freshmen and sophomores.

Group Study in Public Policy: [Read More](#) [+]

Rules & Requirements

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit without restriction.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 1-4 hours of directed group study per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Public Policy/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Offered for pass/not pass grade only. Final exam not required.

Group Study in Public Policy: [Read Less](#) [-]

PUB POL 101 Introduction to Public Policy Analysis 4 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2022, Spring 2022, Fall 2021

A systematic and critical approach to evaluating and designing public policies. Combines theory and application to particular cases and problems. Diverse policy topics, including environmental, health, education, communications, safety, and arts policy issues, among others. Introduction to Public Policy Analysis: [Read More](#) [+]

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture and 1 hour of discussion per week

Summer: 6 weeks - 8-10 hours of lecture and 2-0 hours of discussion per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Public Policy/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam not required.

Introduction to Public Policy Analysis: [Read Less](#) [-]

PUB POL 103 Wealth and Poverty 4 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2009, Spring 2008

This course is designed to provide students with a deeper understanding both of the structure of political economy and of why the distribution of earnings, wealth, and opportunity have been diverging in the United States and in other nations. It is also intended to provide insight into the political and public policy debates that have arisen in light of the divergence as well as possible means of reversing it.

Wealth and Poverty: [Read More](#) [+]

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 2 hours of lecture and 2 hours of discussion per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Public Policy/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

Instructor: Reich

Wealth and Poverty: [Read Less](#) [-]

PUB POL C103 Wealth and Poverty 4 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2022, Spring 2021, Spring 2020

This course is designed to provide students with a deeper understanding both of the organization of the political economy in the United States and of other advanced economies, and of why the distribution of earnings, wealth, and opportunity have been diverging in the United States and in other nations. It also is intended to provide insights into the political and public-policy debates that have arisen in light of this divergence, as well as possible means of reversing it.

Wealth and Poverty: Read More [+]

Rules & Requirements

Credit Restrictions: Students will receive no credit for C103 after taking 103.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 2 hours of lecture and 2 hours of discussion per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Public Policy/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

Instructor: Reich

Also listed as: L & S C180U

Wealth and Poverty: Read Less [-]

PUB POL 105 Negotiations 3 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2022, Fall 2021

The objective of this course is to improve negotiation skills and to increase the ability to resolve conflicts in a multitude of situations, including public policy disputes. Topics will include: distributive and integrative bargaining; preparation strategies; defense to ploys; power and perceptions; team and multi-party negotiations; political, legislative and regulatory negotiations; emotions and gender, email negotiations, handling difficult negotiators, impact of personality traits and public policy mediation. Simulated negotiation exercises and role-plays will be used extensively.

Negotiations: Read More [+]

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Public Policy/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Alternative to final exam.

Instructor: Dayonot

Negotiations: Read Less [-]

PUB POL 117AC Race, Ethnicity, and Public Policy 4 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2022, Fall 2021, Fall 2020

The objective of this course is to use the tools and insights of public policy analysis as a means of understanding the ways in which policies are shaped by and respond to issues of race, ethnicity, and cultural difference. The course is organized around a series of discrete policy problems involving issues of race and ethnicity. It is designed to allow for comparative analysis within and across cases to explore the variety of ways in which policy intersects with different racial and ethnic groups.

Race, Ethnicity, and Public Policy: Read More [+]

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Public Policy/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

Race, Ethnicity, and Public Policy: Read Less [-]

PUB POL 141 Behavioral Economics for Public Policy 3 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2022, Fall 2021

This course introduces a range of economic phenomena that cannot be explained by standard, fully rational economic models, and explores implications for public policy. Why do we vote for social security despite the fact that it reduces our freedom to choose how we spend our money? What would happen to job seeking behavior if we cut off unemployment benefits in multiple steps? Why do fines work better than bonuses (except when they don't)? What kinds of policies should the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau implement? Behavioral Economics provides answers to these questions that standard economics does not.

Behavioral Economics for Public Policy: Read More [+]

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Public Policy/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

Instructor: Acland

Behavioral Economics for Public Policy: Read Less [-]

PUB POL C142 Applied Econometrics and Public Policy 4 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2022, Spring 2021, Fall 2020, Spring 2020

This course focuses on the sensible application of econometric methods to empirical problems in economics and public policy analysis. It provides background on issues that arise when analyzing non-experimental social science data and a guide for tools that are useful for empirical research. By the end of the course, students will have an understanding of the types of research designs that can lead to convincing analysis and be comfortable working with large scale data sets.

Applied Econometrics and Public Policy: Read More [+]

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: 140 or 141 or consent of instructor

Credit Restrictions: Students who completed Econ C142 receive no credit for Econ N142.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3-3 hours of lecture and 1-0 hours of discussion per week

Summer: 8 weeks - 6-6 hours of lecture and 2-0 hours of discussion per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Public Policy/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Alternate method of final assessment during regularly scheduled final exam group (e.g., presentation, final project, etc.).

Also listed as: ECON C142/POL SCI C131A

Applied Econometrics and Public Policy: Read Less [-]

PUB POL 155 Introduction to Security Policy 4 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2022, Fall 2021

This course introduces students to the arena of security policy. Students will learn the origins and evolution of the governing framework for security policy in the United States, including the post-9/11 creation of Homeland Security, and key methodologies of security policy, including risk assessment. The course will evaluate the variety of scales at which security policy is enacted, from state/local to federal and even international. The course delves into defining security dilemmas of the present: the challenge of securing democracy against both internal and external threats; the challenge of cybersecurity in a networked world; and global climate change. The course concludes with a required one-day crisis simulation exercise.

Introduction to Security Policy: Read More [+]

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Public Policy/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Alternative to final exam.

Instructors: Sargent, Napolitano

Introduction to Security Policy: Read Less [-]

PUB POL 156 Program and Policy Design 4 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2021, Spring 2016, Fall 2011

Studio/laboratory in the design of nonphysical environments.

Complements courses in policy analysis, public management, economics, and political science; especially intended to integrate elements of professional programs in public policy and related areas. Students will design, in groups and individually, programs and policies that create value in the public sector, including statutes, regulations, and implementation projects. Comparative reviews will feature invited guests. Undergraduate level of 256.

Program and Policy Design: Read More [+]

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of seminar per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Public Policy/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam not required.

Instructor: O'Hare

Program and Policy Design: Read Less [-]

PUB POL 157 Arts and Cultural Policy 4 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2022, Spring 2022, Spring 2021

Survey of government policy toward the arts (especially direct subsidy, copyright and regulation, and indirect assistance) and its effects on artists, audiences, and institutions. Emphasizes "highbrow" arts, U.S. policy, and the social and economic roles of participants in the arts. Readings, field trips, and case discussion. One paper in two drafts required for undergraduate credit; graduate credit awarded for an additional short paper to be arranged and attendance at four advanced colloquia throughout the term. Undergraduate level of 257.

Arts and Cultural Policy: [Read More](#) [+]

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture and 1 hour of discussion per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Public Policy/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Alternative to final exam.

Instructor: O'Hare

Formerly known as: 108

Arts and Cultural Policy: [Read Less](#) [-]

PUB POL C157 Arts and Cultural Policy 4 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2014, Spring 2013

Survey of government policy toward the arts (especially direct subsidy, copyright and regulation, and indirect assistance) and its effects on artists, audiences, and institutions. Emphasizes "highbrow" arts, U.S. policy, and the social and economic roles of participants in the arts. Readings, field trips, and case discussion. One paper in two drafts required for undergraduate credit; graduate credit awarded for an additional short paper to be arranged and attendance at four advanced colloquia throughout the term. Undergraduate level of 257.

Arts and Cultural Policy: [Read More](#) [+]

Rules & Requirements

Credit Restrictions: Students will receive no credit for Public Policy C157/Letters and Science C180x after taking Public Policy 108 or 157.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Public Policy/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

Instructor: O'Hare

Also listed as: L & S C180X

Arts and Cultural Policy: [Read Less](#) [-]

PUB POL 160AC Work, Justice and the Labor Movement 4 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2020

This course provides a broad, inter-disciplinary overview of the U.S. labor movement in the fight for social and economic justice. It will introduce students to critiques of racial capitalism and the power dynamics inherent in paid work, while considering why and how workers form unions in response. One of the primary objectives of this course is to develop a theoretical and analytical understanding of contemporary workers' experiences of work in the U.S. shaped by race, class, gender, sexuality, immigration status, language, religion, and other social constructs. There will be a special comparative focus on the role of structures and the space for agency and mobilization in the Latinx, Black and Asian American communities.

Work, Justice and the Labor Movement: [Read More](#) [+]

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Public Policy/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Alternative to final exam.

Instructor: Ferus-Comelo

Work, Justice and the Labor Movement: [Read Less](#) [-]

PUB POL 162AC Field Study in Labor Organizing 3 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2021

This fieldstudy course is designed for undergraduates/graduates who have an interest in social/economic justice, and seek to earn academic credit while gaining exp in organizing. Building upon the Labor Center's Summer program, it allows students to apply existing organizing skills/ acquire new knowledge in community and labor organizations. Students will be matched with our community partners that promote the interests of Bay area working families. Classroom-based guided reflection, skills development, career information, and engagement with current debates will complement the fieldwork. This exp can open the door to life-long careers as organizers, researchers, policy analysts, political lobbyists, communication specialists and leaders.

Field Study in Labor Organizing: [Read More](#) [+]

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture and 6 hours of fieldwork per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Public Policy/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Alternative to final exam.

Instructor: Ferus-Comelo

Also listed as: ETH STD 197AC

Field Study in Labor Organizing: [Read Less](#) [-]

PUB POL C164 Impact of Government Policies on Poor Children and Families 4 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2007

Examination of the impact of policies of state intervention and public benefit programs on poor children and families. Introduction to child and family policy, and study of specific issue areas, such as income transfer programs, housing, health care, and child abuse.

Impact of Government Policies on Poor Children and Families: Read More [\[+\]](#)

Rules & Requirements

Credit Restrictions: This course may be applied to the Demography major.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Public Policy/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

Instructor: Mauldon

Also listed as: DEMOG C164

Impact of Government Policies on Poor Children and Families: Read Less [\[-\]](#)

PUB POL 165 Poverty, Inequality, and Public Policy 4 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2022, Fall 2021

This course will examine the nature and extent of poverty in the U.S., its causes and consequences, and the antipoverty effects of existing and proposed

government programs and policies. The first ten weeks of this course focuses on social science theory and evidence about the causes, consequences and costs of poverty. The last four weeks of the course examines child poverty policies, employment policies, and setting an overall agenda for poverty policy.

Poverty, Inequality, and Public Policy: Read More [\[+\]](#)

Rules & Requirements

Credit Restrictions: Students will receive no credit for PUB POL 165 after completing PUB POL 165. A deficient grade in PUB POL 165 may be removed by taking PUB POL 165.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Public Policy/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

Instructor: Johnson

Poverty, Inequality, and Public Policy: Read Less [\[-\]](#)

PUB POL 179 Public Budgeting 4 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2015, Spring 2014, Spring 2013

Public sector budgeting incorporates many, perhaps most, of the skills of the public manager and analyst. The goal of this course is to develop and hone these skills. Using cases and readings from all levels of American government, the course will allow the student to gain and understanding of the effects and consequences of public sector budgeting, its processes and participants, and the potential impacts of various reforms. Undergraduate level of Public Policy 269. This course can be applied to the political science major.

Public Budgeting: Read More [\[+\]](#)

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Public Policy/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

Instructor: Ellwood

Public Budgeting: Read Less [\[-\]](#)

PUB POL 182 Environment and Technology from the Policy and Business Perspective 4 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2010, Fall 2009, Fall 2008

Most environmental issues involve technology, either in the role of "villain" or "hero." This course uses the lens of specific technologies to survey environmental policy and management, with an emphasis on the complexities of policy-making with diverse interest groups. The class includes case studies, guest practitioners, and a group project in which students employ a range of analytic tools and frameworks in order to develop creative, effective, and actionable environmental solutions.

Environment and Technology from the Policy and Business Perspective: Read More [\[+\]](#)

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture and 1 hour of discussion per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Public Policy/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam not required.

Instructor: Taylor

Environment and Technology from the Policy and Business Perspective: Read Less [\[-\]](#)

PUB POL C184 Energy and Society 4 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2022, Fall 2021, Fall 2020, Fall 2019

Energy sources, uses, and impacts: an introduction to the technology, politics, economics, and environmental effects of energy in contemporary society. Energy and well-being; energy in international perspective, origins, and character of energy crisis.

Energy and Society: [Read More](#) [+]

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture and 1 hour of discussion per week

Summer:

8 weeks - 6 hours of lecture and 1.5 hours of discussion per week

10 weeks - 6 hours of lecture and 1.5 hours of discussion per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Public Policy/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

Instructor: Kammen

Also listed as: ENE,RES C100

Energy and Society: [Read Less](#) [-]

PUB POL W184 Energy and Society 4 Units

Terms offered: Summer 2022 8 Week Session, Summer 2021 8 Week Session, Fall 2020

Energy sources, uses, and impacts: an introduction to the technology, politics, economics, and environmental effects of energy in contemporary society. Energy and well-being; energy in international perspective, origins, and character of energy crisis.

Energy and Society: [Read More](#) [+]

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of web-based lecture and 1 hour of web-based discussion per week

Summer: 8 weeks - 6 hours of web-based lecture and 1.5 hours of web-based discussion per week

Online: This is an online course.

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Public Policy/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

Instructor: Kammen

Also listed as: ENE,RES W100

Energy and Society: [Read Less](#) [-]

PUB POL 187 Energy Regulation and Public Policy 3 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2022, Fall 1982

The class focuses on the economic regulation of electricity and natural gas and its role in public policy innovation. We will explore the regulatory rationale in the context of microeconomic principles, the nature and evolution of energy technology and regulation in the United States, and the ways to advance public policy objectives. The class covers the alternatives to traditional cost-of-service rate regulation, the electricity deregulation experiment, the resulting energy crisis in California, and current efforts to reconsider the utility business model. We will delve into how the economic regulatory framework creates opportunities to implement public policy, and the enhanced role climate change now plays in decision making worldwide.

Energy Regulation and Public Policy: [Read More](#) [+]

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Public Policy/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Alternative to final exam.

Instructor: Weissman

Energy Regulation and Public Policy: [Read Less](#) [-]

PUB POL C189 Social Science & Crime Prevention Policy 3 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2022, Spring 2021, Spring 2020

In this interdisciplinary course students examine the relationships among social science, law, and crime prevention policy. Emphasis is placed on how psychological science (clinical, developmental, social) can inform decisions about individuals at high risk for repeated involvement in the juvenile and criminal justice systems. Topics of focus include risk assessment, adolescent development and juvenile justice, and prevention/intervention/correctional psychology. Students will have an opportunity to master a specific problem area. Broadly, goals are for students to a) become comfortable in translating crime prevention problems into social scientific questions, and b) specifically understand how research findings can inform law and policy.

Social Science & Crime Prevention Policy: [Read More](#) [+]

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 2 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Public Policy/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Final exam required.

Instructor: Skeem

Also listed as: SOC WEL C181

Social Science & Crime Prevention Policy: [Read Less](#) [-]

PUB POL 190 Special Topics in Public Policy 1 - 4 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2022, Spring 2022, Fall 2021

Course examines current problems and issues in the field of public policy. Topics may vary from year to year and will be announced at the beginning of the semester. Open to students from other departments.

Special Topics in Public Policy: Read More [\[+\]](#)

Rules & Requirements

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit with instructor consent.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring:

7 weeks - 2-8 hours of lecture per week

15 weeks - 1-4 hours of lecture per week

Summer:

6 weeks - 2.5-10 hours of lecture per week

8 weeks - 1.5-7.5 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Public Policy/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Alternative to final exam.

Special Topics in Public Policy: Read Less [\[-\]](#)

PUB POL 192AC Social Movements, Organizing & Policy Change 3 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2021, Spring 2021, Spring 2020

This class will provide students with a grounding in the literature of social movement theory and history, with a special emphasis on social movements led by African American, Latinx, indigenous, and Asian Pacific Islander communities for equity. The class will also introduce students to the basics of social movement organizing, including mobilizing unlikely voters through organizing technique, and the theory of nonviolent direct action, all with a focus on race and gender equity.

Social Movements, Organizing & Policy Change: Read More [\[+\]](#)

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Summer: 6 weeks - 7.5 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Public Policy/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Letter grade. Alternate method of final assessment during regularly scheduled final exam group (e.g., presentation, final project, etc.).

Instructor: Jayaraman

Social Movements, Organizing & Policy Change: Read Less [\[-\]](#)

PUB POL 198 Directed Group Study 1 - 4 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2022, Fall 2021, Spring 2021

Group study of a selected topic or topics in Public Policy. Meetings to be arranged.

Directed Group Study: Read More [\[+\]](#)

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: Consent of instructor

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit without restriction.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 1-4 hours of directed group study per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Public Policy/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Offered for pass/not pass grade only. Final exam not required.

Directed Group Study: Read Less [\[-\]](#)

PUB POL 199 Supervised Independent Study and Research 1 - 4 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2020, Summer 2020 8 Week Session, Fall 2018

For upper division students wishing to pursue special study and directed research under direction of a member of the staff. Enrollment restrictions apply; see the Introduction to Courses and Curricula section of this catalog.

Supervised Independent Study and Research: Read More [\[+\]](#)

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: Upper division standing

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit without restriction.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 1-4 hours of independent study per week

Summer:

6 weeks - 2.5-10 hours of independent study per week

8 weeks - 2-7.5 hours of independent study per week

10 weeks - 1.5-6 hours of independent study per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Public Policy/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Offered for pass/not pass grade only. Final exam not required.

Supervised Independent Study and Research: Read Less [\[-\]](#)

PUB POL C199C Berkeley Changemaker: Labor Research for Action and Policy (L-RAP) 1 Unit

Terms offered: Fall 2022, Fall 2021

This practicum is an applied research training course that accompanies PUBPOL 160AC Work, Justice, and the Labor Movement and connects the Berkeley Changemaker L&S 12 to the discipline of public policy. It is designed to provide a robust training in research methods and community engagement with worker organizations to inform policies for a fair, inclusive, and democratic society. The practicum integrates elements of quantitative and qualitative research methods in a semester-long service-learning project in partnership with a worker organization. Students will work in teams to collect and analyze data thematically, and learn to use digital tools to disseminate the research findings to various audiences. Berkeley Changemaker: Labor Research for Action and Policy (L-RAP): Read More [+]

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: Co-enrollment in PUB POL 160AC, ETH STD 160AC, or SOCIOL 116AC

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 1 hour of lecture and 2 hours of fieldwork per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Public Policy/Undergraduate

Grading/Final exam status: Offered for pass/not pass grade only. Alternative to final exam.

Instructor: Ferus-Comelo

Also listed as: ETH STD C199C

Berkeley Changemaker: Labor Research for Action and Policy (L-RAP): Read Less [-]

PUB POL 200 Introduction to Policy Analysis 4 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2019, Spring 2018, Spring 2017

This introductory course will integrate various social science disciplines and apply these perspectives to problems of public policy. Throughout the academic term, students will apply knowledge of politics, economics, sociology, and quantitative methods in the analysis of case studies of policymakers and managers making decisions. Students learn to use the techniques of social science to evaluate projects and programs. Course will include the preparation of a major paper for a client.

Introduction to Policy Analysis: Read More [+]

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: Open only to students in the Graduate School of Public Policy

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 4 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Public Policy/Graduate

Grading: Letter grade.

Introduction to Policy Analysis: Read Less [-]

PUB POL 200A Foundations for Public Policy Analysis 3 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2022, Fall 2021, Fall 2020

This is a course about how to identify public problems and craft policies to best address those problems. The course is designed to improve our abilities to think creatively and critically about public policy issues, whether as politically-engaged citizens, advocates for policy change, practicing policy analysts, or members of one of the many disciplines and professions shaped by public policy. This course focuses on the art and science of public policy analysis. We address the following fundamental questions: What kinds of problems are public problems? How do we know when government should get involved? What kinds of solutions are available to government? How do we confront the trade-offs between possible solutions?

Foundations for Public Policy Analysis: Read More [+]

Rules & Requirements

Credit Restrictions: Students will receive no credit for PUB POL 200A after completing PUB POL 200A, or PUB POL 200A. A deficient grade in PUB POL 200A may be removed by taking PUB POL 200A, or PUB POL 200A.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Public Policy/Graduate

Grading: Letter grade.

Instructor: Bird

Foundations for Public Policy Analysis: Read Less [-]

PUB POL 200B Professional Policy Practice 3 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2022, Spring 2021, Spring 2020

This introductory course will integrate various social science disciplines and apply these perspectives to problems of public policy. Throughout the academic term, students will apply knowledge of politics, economics, sociology, and quantitative methods in the analysis of increasingly complex problems.

Professional Policy Practice: [Read More](#) [+]

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: Open only to students in the Graduate School of Public Policy

Credit Restrictions: Students will receive no credit for PUB POL 200B after completing PUB POL 200B, or PUB POL 200B. A deficient grade in PUB POL 200B may be removed by taking PUB POL 200B, or PUB POL 200B.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Public Policy/Graduate

Grading: Letter grade.

Instructors: Bird, Adams, Sadin

Professional Policy Practice: [Read Less](#) [-]

PUB POL 205 Advanced Policy Analysis 6 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2022, Spring 2021, Spring 2020

Each student will conduct thorough analysis on a major policy question.

In this research, students will apply the interdisciplinary methods, approaches, and perspectives studied in the core curriculum.

Advanced Policy Analysis: [Read More](#) [+]

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: Open only to majors who have completed the core curriculum

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of seminar per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Public Policy/Graduate

Grading: Letter grade.

Advanced Policy Analysis: [Read Less](#) [-]

PUB POL 210A The Economics of Public Policy Analysis 4 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2022, Fall 2021, Fall 2020

Theories of microeconomic behavior of consumers, producers, and bureaucrats are developed and applied to specific policy areas. Ability to analyze the effects of alternative policy actions in terms of 1) the efficiency of resource allocation and 2) equity is stressed. Policy areas are selected to show a broad range of actual applications of theory and a variety of policy strategies.

The Economics of Public Policy Analysis: [Read More](#) [+]

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: Open only to students in the Graduate School of Public Policy

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 4 hours of lecture and 1.5 hours of session per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Public Policy/Graduate

Grading: Letter grade.

Instructor: Raphael

The Economics of Public Policy Analysis: [Read Less](#) [-]

PUB POL 210B The Economics of Public Policy Analysis 4 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2022, Spring 2021, Spring 2020

Theories of microeconomic behavior of consumers, producers, and bureaucrats are developed and applied to specific policy areas. Ability to analyze the effects of alternative policy actions in terms of 1) the efficiency of resource allocation and 2) equity is stressed. Policy areas are selected to show a broad range of actual applications of theory and a variety of policy strategies.

The Economics of Public Policy Analysis: [Read More](#) [+]

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: Open only to students in the Graduate School of Public Policy

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 4 hours of lecture and 1.5 hours of session per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Public Policy/Graduate

Grading: Letter grade.

Instructor: Friedman

The Economics of Public Policy Analysis: [Read Less](#) [-]

PUB POL 220 Law and Public Policy 4 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2022, Fall 2019, Fall 2018

Focuses on legal aspects of public policy by exposing students to primary legal materials, including court decisions and legislative and administrative regulations. Skills of interpretation and legal draftsmanship are developed. Relationships among law-making agencies and between law and policy are explored through case-centered studies.

Law and Public Policy: Read More [+]

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: Open only to students in the Graduate School of Public Policy

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 4 hours of lecture and 2 hours of discussion per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Public Policy/Graduate

Grading: Letter grade.

Instructor: Kirp

Law and Public Policy: Read Less [-]

PUB POL C221 Climate, Energy and Development 3 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2019, Fall 2018, Fall 2017

Graduate seminar examining the role of energy science, technology, and policy in

international development. The course will look at how changes in the theory and practice

of energy systems and of international development have co-evolved over the past half-

century, and what opportunities exist going forward.

A focus will be on rural and decentralized energy use, and the issues of technology, culture,

and politics that are raised by both current trajectories, and potential alternative energy

choices. We will explore the frequently divergent ideas about energy and development that

have emerged from civil society, academia, multinational development agencies, and the

private and industrial sector.

Climate, Energy and Development: Read More [+]

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: Graduate student standing or consent of instructor

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Public Policy/Graduate

Grading: Letter grade.

Instructor: Kammen

Also listed as: DEVP C221/ENE,RES C221

Climate, Energy and Development: Read Less [-]

PUB POL 230 Politics and Policy-Making in Comparative Perspective 4 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2021

This graduate course provides an introduction to the relationship between politics and policy-making in developing countries. Using India as a guide, we will examine the political institutions underlying the policy process and the role played by groups with diverse policy interests. In doing so, we will evaluate the characteristics of political competition and the dynamics of political participation in highly dynamic contexts.

Politics and Policy-Making in Comparative Perspective: Read More [+]

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Public Policy/Graduate

Grading: Letter grade.

Instructors: Bussell, Jennifer

Politics and Policy-Making in Comparative Perspective: Read Less [-]

PUB POL 235 Implementation: Key Issues in Managing California Cities 4 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2022

The course provides students an in-depth understanding of key issues and constraints facing top officials in running a city. The course examines the extent cities are viable: can they provide services residents demand and deserve; can they provide for public safety, jobs, housing, schools, basic services, and fill potholes? And there is the public interest question: viable for whom and in benefit of whom? Using Oakland and Bay Area cities as case studies, the course integrates direct front-line experience with broader conceptual analyses. Students work on projects of current importance and gain familiarity with a wide-range of city policies and programs. The class will include presentations by key city decision-makers.

Implementation: Key Issues in Managing California Cities: Read More [\[+\]](#)

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Public Policy/Graduate

Grading: Letter grade.

Instructor: Lindheim

Implementation: Key Issues in Managing California Cities: Read Less [\[-\]](#)

PUB POL 236 Politics of Civil War 3 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2022

This course provides an overview of the causes and consequences of civil war. The course is organized around three units. First, we investigate some of the structural conditions and individual reasons for engaging in rebellion. Why do people fight? The second unit turns to the internal dynamics of conflict. How are civilians treated during the war? Why do rebels and civilians cooperate? The third unit explores conflict resolution and post-war politics, where we explore issues of peacekeeping, conflict resolution, and post-war reconstruction. In the end, students should leave with an understanding of why civil wars occur and an improved capacity to devise solutions for ongoing contentious political events around the world.

Politics of Civil War: Read More [\[+\]](#)

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Public Policy/Graduate

Grading: Letter grade.

Instructor: Liu

Politics of Civil War: Read Less [\[-\]](#)

PUB POL 237 Politics and Development in the Global South 3 Units

Terms offered: Not yet offered

This course examines how politics affects development in the Global South. First, we will examine state institutions and the enduring effects of natural resources, conflict, and historical legacies on present-day development. We will then explore the role of elections and political participation in shaping public goods provision, and how politicians leverage development and security for political gain. Finally, we will focus on a broad variety of development interventions, covering areas such as conflict, education, and gender. Readings will draw primarily from the political science and economics literature and concepts are grounded in case analyses from the Global South.

Politics and Development in the Global South: Read More [\[+\]](#)

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Public Policy/Graduate

Grading: Letter grade.

Instructor: Liu

Politics and Development in the Global South: Read Less [\[-\]](#)

PUB POL 240A Decision Analysis, Modeling, and Quantitative Methods 4 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2022, Fall 2021, Fall 2020

An integrated course on the use of quantitative techniques in public policy analysis: computer modeling and simulation, linear programming and optimization, decision theory, and statistical and econometric analysis of policy-relevant data. The student develops a facility in distilling the policy relevance of numbers through an analysis of case studies and statistical data sets.

Decision Analysis, Modeling, and Quantitative Methods: Read More [\[+\]](#)

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: Open only to students in the Graduate School of Public Policy

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 4 hours of lecture and 2 hours of discussion per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Public Policy/Graduate

Grading: Letter grade.

Decision Analysis, Modeling, and Quantitative Methods: Read Less [\[-\]](#)

PUB POL 240B Decision Analysis, Modeling, and Quantitative Methods 4 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2022, Spring 2021, Spring 2020

An integrated course on the use of quantitative techniques in public policy analysis: computer modeling and simulation, linear programming and optimization, decision theory, and statistical and econometric analysis of policy-relevant data. The student develops a facility in distilling the policy relevance of numbers through an analysis of case studies and statistical data sets.

Decision Analysis, Modeling, and Quantitative Methods: Read More [+]

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: Open only to students in the Graduate School of Public Policy

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 4 hours of lecture and 2 hours of discussion per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Public Policy/Graduate

Grading: Letter grade.

Decision Analysis, Modeling, and Quantitative Methods: Read Less [-]

PUB POL 249 Statistics for Program Evaluation 4 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2022, Fall 2021, Fall 2020

How do we know whether a program or policy is having its intended impact? This course will cover the methods used to answer this question. The focus will be on quantitative studies, with an emphasis on the econometric techniques used in experimental and non-experimental evaluations. We will also discuss the role of program evaluations in policy analysis and design and the limits to program evaluation as a tool for policy improvement. Examples will be drawn from real-life social policy interventions in domestic and international settings.

Statistics for Program Evaluation: Read More [+]

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture and 1 hour of discussion per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Public Policy/Graduate

Grading: Letter grade.

Statistics for Program Evaluation: Read Less [-]

PUB POL 250 The Politics of Public Policy 4 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2022, Fall 2021, Fall 2020

This course examines the political and organizational factors involved in developing new policies, choosing among alternatives, gaining acceptance, assuring implementation, and coping with unanticipated consequences. Materials will include case studies, theoretical, empirical, and interpretive works from several disciplines.

The Politics of Public Policy: Read More [+]

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: Open only to students in the Graduate School of Public Policy

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture and 1 hour of discussion per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Public Policy/Graduate

Grading: Letter grade.

Instructor: Anzia

Formerly known as: 230A

The Politics of Public Policy: Read Less [-]

PUB POL 251 Microeconomic Organization and Policy Analysis 3 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2021, Fall 2020, Fall 2019

Research seminar to develop public policy analyses based on microeconomic theories of organization, including collective demand mechanisms, behavioral theory of regulatory agencies and bureaucracies, and productivity in the public sector.

Microeconomic Organization and Policy Analysis: Read More [+]

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: Business Administration 101B or Economics 200A or equivalent, and consent of instructor

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 2 hours of seminar per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Public Policy/Graduate

Grading: Letter grade.

Instructor: Friedman

Microeconomic Organization and Policy Analysis: Read Less [-]

PUB POL C253 International Economic Development Policy 3 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2022, Fall 2020, Fall 2019, Fall 2018

This course emphasizes the development and application of policy solutions to developing-world problems related to poverty, macroeconomic policy, and environmental sustainability. Methods of statistical, economic, and policy analysis are applied to a series of case studies. The course is designed to develop practical professional skills for application in the international arena.

International Economic Development Policy: Read More [+]

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Public Policy/Graduate

Grading: Letter grade.

Also listed as: A, RESEC C253/DEVP C253

International Economic Development Policy: Read Less [-]

PUB POL 255 Introduction to Security Policy 4 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2022, Fall 2021

This course introduces students to the arena of security policy. Students will learn the origins and evolution of the governing framework for security policy in the United States, including the post-9/11 creation of Homeland Security, and key methodologies of security policy, including risk assessment. The course will evaluate the variety of scales at which security policy is enacted, from state/local to federal and even international. The course delves into defining security dilemmas of the present: the challenge of securing democracy against both internal and external threats; the challenge of cybersecurity in a networked world; and global climate change. The course concludes with a required one-day crisis simulation exercise.

Introduction to Security Policy: Read More [+]

Rules & Requirements

Credit Restrictions: Students will receive no credit for PUB POL 255 after completing PUB POL 255, or PUB POL 255. A deficient grade in PUB POL 255 may be removed by taking PUB POL 255, or PUB POL 255.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Public Policy/Graduate

Grading: Letter grade.

Instructors: Sargent, Napolitano

Introduction to Security Policy: Read Less [-]

PUB POL 256 Program and Policy Design 4 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2021, Spring 2016, Fall 2011

Studio/laboratory in the design of non-physical environments.

Complements courses in policy analysis, public management, economics, and political science; especially intended to integrate elements of professional programs in public policy and related areas. Students will design, in groups and individually, programs and policies that create value in the public sector, including statutes, regulations, and implementation projects. Comparative reviews will feature invited guests. Graduate level of 156.

Program and Policy Design: Read More [+]

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of seminar per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Public Policy/Graduate

Grading: Letter grade.

Instructor: O'Hare

Formerly known as: 206

Program and Policy Design: Read Less [-]

PUB POL 257 Arts and Cultural Policy 4 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2022, Spring 2022, Spring 2021

Survey of government policy toward the arts (especially direct subsidy, copyright and regulation, and indirect assistance) and its effects on artists, audiences, and institutions. Emphasizes "highbrow" arts, U.S. policy, and the social and economic roles of participants in the arts. Readings, field trips, and case discussion. One paper in two drafts required for undergraduate credit; graduate credit awarded for an additional short paper to be arranged and attendance at four advanced colloquia throughout the term. Graduate level of 157.

Arts and Cultural Policy: Read More [+]

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture and 1 hour of discussion per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Public Policy/Graduate

Grading: Letter grade.

Instructor: O'Hare

Formerly known as: 208

Arts and Cultural Policy: Read Less [-]

PUB POL 259 How to Conduct Benefit Cost Analysis 4 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2022, Fall 2021, Fall 2020

This course discusses and criticizes the conceptual foundations of cost-benefit analysis, and analyzes in depth some important applied aspects such as endogenous prices of other commodities, methods to infer willingness to pay, valuation of life, uncertainty and the rate of discount. The goal of this course is to teach you the theory and practice of cost-benefit analysis, with an eye to preparing you to confidently conduct a CBA for an employer or client starting on day one of your career as a policy analyst. There will be three main components to the course: The textbook, discussion, and the semester project.

How to Conduct Benefit Cost Analysis: [Read More](#) [+]

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 4 hours of seminar per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Public Policy/Graduate

Grading: Letter grade.

Instructor: Acland

How to Conduct Benefit Cost Analysis: [Read Less](#) [-]

PUB POL 260 Public Leadership and Management 4 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2016, Fall 2015, Fall 2014

This course is designed to help students develop their skills for leading and managing groups, government agencies, nonprofit organizations, and public advocacy, with the goal of achieving positive social change. Materials include case studies, analyses, and works from several disciplines. Course is open to first and second year MPP students, but recommended for first year.

Public Leadership and Management: [Read More](#) [+]

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: Open only to students in the Graduate School of Public Policy and a select few students at other graduate schools

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 4 hours of lecture and 2 hours of discussion per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Public Policy/Graduate

Grading: Letter grade.

Instructor: Reich

Public Leadership and Management: [Read Less](#) [-]

PUB POL 265 Race & Public Policy 3 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2022, Spring 2005, Fall 1998

This class examines the racist history of public policy in the U.S. and teaches students to use radical imagination to inspire new policy ideas for a transformative social change. We will explore how the legacy of stolen land and human bondage persist in exclusionary government policies that generate, maintain, and enforce inequitable systems. We will learn from advocates, researchers, and practitioners engaged in the collective process of radical imagination across a wide range of social spheres. Students will come to understand how policies can contribute to or mitigate the interlocking and mutually reinforcing nature of racism and anti-Blackness and will begin to envision policies towards building a thriving multiracial democracy.

Race & Public Policy: [Read More](#) [+]

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Public Policy/Graduate

Grading: Letter grade.

Instructor: Glover Blackwell

Race & Public Policy: [Read Less](#) [-]

PUB POL 269 Public Budgeting 4 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2015, Spring 2014, Spring 2013

Public sector budgeting is an activity that incorporates many, perhaps most, of the skills of the public manager and analyst. The goal of this course is to develop and hone these skills. Using cases and readings from all levels of American government, the course will allow the student to gain an understanding of the effects and consequences of public sector budgeting, its processes and participants, and the potential impacts of various reforms. Graduate level of Public Policy 179.

Public Budgeting: [Read More](#) [+]

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Public Policy/Graduate

Grading: Letter grade.

Instructor: Ellwood

Formerly known as: 209

Public Budgeting: [Read Less](#) [-]

PUB POL 270 Kid-First Policy: Family, School, and Community 4 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2017, Spring 2015, Spring 2014

This seminar appraises the critical policy choices that shape the lives of children and adolescents from birth through high school and beyond. The issues are as varied-and hotly debated by politicians and policy-makers-as banning Coke machines in schools to reduce obesity, regulating teenage abortion, providing universal preschool and helping abused children. Students from across the campus-public policy, education, social welfare, business, sociology, political science, economics-bring different perspectives. Discussions and readings draw on insights from across the policy sciences. Problem-solving is the focus in seminar meetings and research projects.

Kid-First Policy: Family, School, and Community: Read More [+]

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Public Policy/Graduate

Grading: Letter grade.

Instructor: Kirp

Kid-First Policy: Family, School, and Community: Read Less [-]

PUB POL 271 The Political Economy of Inequality 4 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2020, Fall 2019, Fall 2018

This course is designed to provide graduate students with a deeper understanding of the organization of the political economy of the United States and why earnings and wealth have been diverging over the last thirty-five years. Given that most of the underlying forces causing this trend in the U.S. are also prevalent in other nations, the lessons learned in this course are likely to be relevant elsewhere. The course is also intended to provide insights into the political and public policy debates that have arisen in light of this divergence, as well as possible means of reversing it.

The Political Economy of Inequality: Read More [+]

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 4 hours of lecture and 2 hours of discussion per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Public Policy/Graduate

Grading: Letter grade.

Instructor: REICH

The Political Economy of Inequality: Read Less [-]

PUB POL C271 Energy and Development 3 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2016

This advanced graduate seminar will examine the theoretical frames and models used to examine the linkages between energy and development, and the impacts of one on the other.

Energy and Development: Read More [+]

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: Energy and Resources ENE,RES C100 or C200 or Public Policy PUB POL C184 or C284 Energy and Resources ENE,RES 102 Environmental Economics and Policy ENVECON C151 or ECON C171 or equivalent Economics course

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of seminar per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Public Policy/Graduate

Grading: Letter grade.

Instructor: Kammen

Also listed as: ENE,RES C271

Energy and Development: Read Less [-]

PUB POL 273 Public Management and Policy Implementation 4 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2022, Spring 2022, Fall 2020

This course examines concepts and case studies to illustrate how to be an effective organizational leader in government and the non-profit sector. Topics include formulating and articulating goals; the influence of assets and the external environment; the importance of structure, culture and craft; reforming when resources are scarce; negotiation techniques; and elements of crisis management. Students are expected to read all assignments before class and be prepared to be active participants in class discussion, debates and negotiations. The instructor will provide discussion questions for each subsequent session.

Public Management and Policy Implementation: Read More [+]

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture and 1 hour of discussion per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Public Policy/Graduate

Grading: Letter grade.

Instructor: Nacht

Public Management and Policy Implementation: Read Less [-]

PUB POL 275 Spatial Data and Analysis 4 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2022, Fall 2020, Fall 2019

This course introduces students to spatial data and its analysis, modeling of spatially dependent processes, and related policy problems. Through hands-on analysis, students will learn to extract quantitative information from spatial data for applied research and public policy. Students will be introduced to spatial statistics, spatially dependent simulation, and spatial optimization. Students will learn to think creatively about spatial problems through examples drawn from economics, politics, epidemiology, criminology, agriculture, social networks, and the environment. Students will benefit from prior experience with basic computer programming, although prior experience is not required.

Spatial Data and Analysis: Read More [\[+\]](#)

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: Introduction to Statistics

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 4 hours of lecture and 2 hours of discussion per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Public Policy/Graduate

Grading: Letter grade.

Instructor: Hsiang

Spatial Data and Analysis: Read Less [\[-\]](#)

PUB POL 279 Research Design and Data Collection for Public Policy Analysis 3 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2013, Fall 2012, Fall 2011

Public policy analysis requires a sophisticated understanding of a variety of types of data. Empirical arguments and counterarguments play a central role in policy debates. Quantitative analysis courses teach you how to analyze data; this course will introduce you to strategies of data collection and principles for critically evaluating data collected by others. Topics include measurement reliability and validity, questionnaire design, sampling, experimental and quasi-experimental program evaluation designs, qualitative research methods, and the politics of data in public policy.

Research Design and Data Collection for Public Policy Analysis: Read More [\[+\]](#)

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: At least one semester of statistics

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of seminar per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Public Policy/Graduate

Grading: Letter grade.

Instructor: MacCoun

Research Design and Data Collection for Public Policy Analysis: Read Less [\[-\]](#)

PUB POL 280 Ethics, Policy, and the Power of Ideas 4 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2018, Spring 2016, Fall 2014

This seminar brings together two related frames for policy thinking: the ethics of policy, that is, what does it mean to do the right thing? and the intervention of policy, that is, how do new policy paradigms emerge?

Those who seek to govern well inescapably confront questions of value in their political, professional, and personal choices. The discussion of ethical dilemmas, which will take up the first half of the semester, is designed to provoke analytic reflection on the moral challenges and responsibilities of public policymaking in a democracy. The focus is on the many and often competing obligations, commitments and values that should guide public actors, as well as on the public principles that guide the design of good public policy. Politics and conventional analytics dominate policy in the short run. But over the longer term, conceptualizations as varied as exit/voice/loyalty, satisficing, the tipping point, memes, winner-take-all, strong democracy, broken windows, and the prisoners dilemma profoundly influence the policy conversation.

Ethics, Policy, and the Power of Ideas: Read More [\[+\]](#)

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of seminar per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Public Policy/Graduate

Grading: Letter grade.

Instructor: Kirp

Ethics, Policy, and the Power of Ideas: Read Less [\[-\]](#)

PUB POL 282 Environment and Technology from the Policy and Business Perspective 4 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2010, Fall 2009, Fall 2008

Most environmental issues involve technology, either in the role of "villain" or "hero." This course uses the lens of specific technologies to survey environmental policy and management, with an emphasis on the complexities of policy-making with diverse interest groups. The class includes case studies, guest practitioners, and a group project in which students employ a range of analytic tools and frameworks in order to develop creative, effective, and actionable environmental solutions.

Environment and Technology from the Policy and Business Perspective: Read More [\[+\]](#)

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture and 1 hour of discussion per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Public Policy/Graduate

Grading: Letter grade.

Instructor: Taylor

Environment and Technology from the Policy and Business Perspective: Read Less [\[-\]](#)

PUB POL 283 Renewable Energy Policy in the United States 3 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2022, Fall 2021

This course will focus on the evolution and current status of renewable energy policy on the federal, state, and local levels. It will explore the context for promoting renewables in a country that has long subsidized fossil production and nuclear power and encouraged greater consumption. We will explore the particular tools and perspectives that governments on different levels bring to the challenge and the ways various governmental bodies have seized that opportunity. We will move beyond consideration of broad policies to examine the specific policy challenges and opportunities faced by proponents of each of the major renewable energy technologies.

Renewable Energy Policy in the United States: Read More [+]

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Public Policy/Graduate

Grading: Letter grade.

Instructor: Weissman

Renewable Energy Policy in the United States: Read Less [-]

PUB POL C284 Energy and Society 4 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2022, Fall 2021, Fall 2020, Fall 2019

Energy sources, uses, and impacts; an introduction to the technology, politics, economics, and environmental effects of energy in contemporary society. Energy and well-being; energy international perspective, origins, and character of energy crisis.

Energy and Society: Read More [+]

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture and 1 hour of discussion per week

Summer:

8 weeks - 6 hours of lecture and 1.5 hours of discussion per week

10 weeks - 6 hours of lecture and 1.5 hours of discussion per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Public Policy/Graduate

Grading: Letter grade.

Instructor: Kammen

Also listed as: ENE,RES C200

Energy and Society: Read Less [-]

PUB POL W284 Energy and Society 4 Units

Terms offered: Summer 2022 8 Week Session, Summer 2021 8 Week Session, Fall 2020

Energy sources, uses, and impacts: an introduction to the technology, politics, economics, and environmental effects of energy in contemporary society. Energy and well-being; energy in international perspective, origins, and character of energy crisis.

Energy and Society: Read More [+]

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of web-based lecture and 1 hour of web-based discussion per week

Summer: 8 weeks - 6 hours of web-based lecture and 1.5 hours of web-based discussion per week

Online: This is an online course.

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Public Policy/Graduate

Grading: Letter grade.

Instructor: Kammen

Also listed as: ENE,RES W200

Energy and Society: Read Less [-]

PUB POL C285 Nuclear Security: The Nexus Between Policy and Technology 4 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2022, Spring 2021, Spring 2020

The course will review the origins and evolution of nuclear energy, how it has been applied for both peaceful and military purposes, and the current and prospective challenges it presents. The purpose of the course is to educate students on the policy roots and technological foundations of nuclear energy and nuclear weapons so they are positioned to make original contributions to the field in their scholarly and professional careers.

Nuclear Security: The Nexus Between Policy and Technology: Read More [+]

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Public Policy/Graduate

Grading: Letter grade.

Instructors: Nacht, Prussin

Also listed as: NUC ENG C285

Nuclear Security: The Nexus Between Policy and Technology: Read Less [-]

PUB POL 286 US National Security Policy 4 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2021, Spring 2020, Spring 2019

An extensive examination of contemporary U.S. national security issues and how policy is developed and implemented. Topics include Russia after the Cold War with emphasis on nuclear and biological weapons; crisis decision-making and the key players in national security policy; the struggle against terrorism, especially since 9/11, with some reference to homeland security; the challenges to U.S. policy in the Middle East after the Arab spring; China as the chief great power rival; and the role of unmanned vehicles, cyber, and special operations as key elements of U.S. policy. Students will write policy memos, participate in crisis simulation exercises, and complete a take-home final examination.

US National Security Policy: Read More [+]

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Public Policy/Graduate

Grading: Letter grade.

Instructor: Nacht

US National Security Policy: Read Less [-]

PUB POL 287 Energy Regulation and Public Policy 3 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2022

The class focuses on the economic regulation of electricity and natural gas and its role in public policy innovation. We will explore the regulatory rationale in the context of microeconomic principles, the nature and evolution of energy technology and regulation in the United States, and the ways to advance public policy objectives. The class covers the alternatives to traditional cost-of-service rate regulation, the electricity deregulation experiment, the resulting energy crisis in California, and current efforts to reconsider the utility business model. We will delve into how the economic regulatory framework creates opportunities to implement public policy, and the enhanced role climate change now plays in decision making worldwide.

Energy Regulation and Public Policy: Read More [+]

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Public Policy/Graduate

Grading: Letter grade.

Instructor: Weissman

Energy Regulation and Public Policy: Read Less [-]

PUB POL 288 Risk and Optimization Models for Policy 4 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2022, Fall 2019, Fall 2018

Optimization and simulation models in stochastic and deterministic contexts. Monte Carlo simulation, Bayesian models and decisions, linear and nonlinear programming, queuing models, and a review of heuristics and biases in individual risk assessment. Hands-on exploration of tools oriented to management and policy decisions in public and nonprofit organizations. Objective for students: lifelong habit of learning and using new analytic methods.

Risk and Optimization Models for Policy: Read More [+]

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture and 1 hour of discussion per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Public Policy/Graduate

Grading: Letter grade.

Instructors: O'Hare, Cardenas

Risk and Optimization Models for Policy: Read Less [-]

PUB POL 290 Special Topics in Public Policy 1 - 4 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2022, Spring 2022, Fall 2021

Course examines current problems and issues in the field of public policy. Topics may vary from year to year and will be announced at the beginning of the semester. Open to students from other departments.

Special Topics in Public Policy: Read More [+]

Rules & Requirements

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit with instructor consent.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 1-4 hours of lecture and 0-2 hours of discussion per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Public Policy/Graduate

Grading: The grading option will be decided by the instructor when the class is offered.

Special Topics in Public Policy: Read Less [-]

PUB POL 292 Directed Advanced Study 1 - 12 Units

Terms offered: Summer 2022 Second 6 Week Session, Fall 2021, Fall 2020

Open to qualified graduate students wishing to pursue special study and research under direction of a member of the staff.

Directed Advanced Study: Read More [\[+\]](#)

Rules & Requirements

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit without restriction.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 1-12 hours of independent study per week

Summer: 10 weeks - 1.5-18 hours of independent study per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Public Policy/Graduate

Grading: Letter grade.

Directed Advanced Study: Read Less [\[-\]](#)

PUB POL 295 Supervised Research Colloquium 1 - 9 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2021, Spring 2009, Fall 2008

Open to qualified graduate students wishing to pursue special research under direction of a member of the staff. Discussion and analysis of dissertation research projects, including conceptual and methodological problems of designing and conducting policy research.

Supervised Research Colloquium: Read More [\[+\]](#)

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: Graduate standing

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit without restriction.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 0 hours of independent study per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Public Policy/Graduate

Grading: Offered for satisfactory/unsatisfactory grade only.

Supervised Research Colloquium: Read Less [\[-\]](#)

PUB POL 296 Ph.D. Seminar 3 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2022, Spring 2022, Fall 2021

Discussion and analysis of dissertation research projects, including conceptual and methodological problems of designing and conducting public policy research.

Ph.D. Seminar: Read More [\[+\]](#)

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: Must be a Ph.D. student in public policy in third year or beyond

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit without restriction.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 2 hours of seminar per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Public Policy/Graduate

Grading: Letter grade.

Ph.D. Seminar: Read Less [\[-\]](#)

PUB POL 297 Graduate Student Led Course in Public Policy 1 - 4 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2022, Spring 2022, Fall 2021

Course examines current problems and issues in the field of public policy.

Topics vary from year to year.

Graduate Student Led Course in Public Policy: Read More [\[+\]](#)

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: Open to graduate students only

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit when topic changes.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 1-4 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Public Policy/Graduate

Grading: Offered for satisfactory/unsatisfactory grade only.

Graduate Student Led Course in Public Policy: Read Less [\[-\]](#)

PUB POL 298 Directed Advanced Study 1 - 12 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2021, Spring 2020, Fall 2019

Open to qualified graduate students wishing to pursue special study and research under direction of a member of the staff.

Directed Advanced Study: Read More [\[+\]](#)

Rules & Requirements

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit without restriction.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 0 hours of independent study per week

Summer:

6 weeks - 1-5 hours of independent study per week

8 weeks - 1-4 hours of independent study per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Public Policy/Graduate

Grading: Offered for satisfactory/unsatisfactory grade only.

Directed Advanced Study: Read Less [\[-\]](#)

PUB POL 299 Independent Study in Preparation for the Advanced Policy Analysis 3 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2021, Spring 2020, Spring 2019

By arrangement with faculty. Open only to qualified second-year graduate students working toward the M.P.P. degree.

Independent Study in Preparation for the Advanced Policy Analysis:

Read More [\[+\]](#)

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: Consent of faculty

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit without restriction.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 0 hours of independent study per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Public Policy/Graduate

Grading: Letter grade.

Independent Study in Preparation for the Advanced Policy Analysis:

Read Less [\[-\]](#)

PUB POL 375 GSI Practicum 2 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2022, Fall 2021, Spring 2021

This course is directed at Graduate Student Instructors for undergraduate and graduate courses, and reviews the most important elements of effective teaching, especially teaching graduate students in professional programs like the Master of Public Policy. It satisfies the graduate division requirement for a 300 course for GSI's.

GSI Practicum: Read More [\[+\]](#)

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 2 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Public Policy/Professional course for teachers or prospective teachers

Grading: Letter grade.

Instructor: O'Hare

Formerly known as: Public Policy 300

GSI Practicum: Read Less [\[-\]](#)