Courses in Public Administration & Policy

R Pad 140 (=R Pos 140)
Introduction to Public Policy (3)
This course offered online through the Blackboard Learning System. Introduction to theories of how democracies make public policy. Describes the roles of government institutions, the media, and interest groups in the policy process. Reviews current theories of how problems are identified and how policies are formulated, enacted, and implemented to address public problems. Only one of R PUB 140 and R POS 140 may be taken for credit.
(2462) Slye, Katherine
6 Week 2: June 26-August 4
Online course in Blackboard

R Pad 366
International Environmental Policy (3)
This course offered online through the Blackboard Learning System. The class investigates how environmental consciousness arose in major industrial countries and the subsequent formation of environmental policies and institutions in China and India. After reviewing US experience, the class considers critical dilemmas including climate change, water scarcity and renewable energy. Cross-listed course with R POS 399 (2504).
(2505) Caldon, Joshua
6 Week 1: May 30-July 7
Online course in Blackboard

R Pad 438
U.S. Health Reform at the Crossroads (3)
This course offered online through the Blackboard Learning System. U.S. health policy is experiencing one of the most unstable periods of any major policy issue in American history, having just undergone one major revision and now facing the immediate prospect of a complete change in direction. This course will have two major parts: (i) exploring the Affordable Care Act’s main elements, political history, economic rationales, and major impacts and (ii) examining current policy, to the extent that clear policy initiatives have emerged or been passed. A significant portion of the course will be spent on the Affordable Care Act; how much time is spent on more recent policy changes will depend on the clarity and detail of those changes. The professor will update the course as events unfold, even over the course of the term.
Prerequisite(s): R PAD 316 or an equivalent course in statistics. Shared resource course with R PAD 538 (2467).
(2466) Weinberg, Stephen
6 Week 2: June 26-August 4
Online course in Blackboard

Graduate Courses

R Pad 504
Data, Models, and Decisions I (4)
Introduction to computer-based tools for planning, policy analysis, and decision making. Topics include administrative and policy models in spreadsheets, dynamic models in difference equations and spreadsheets, making decisions with multiple criteria, resource allocation, probability and decision trees, data bases and information management, and telecommunications in local networks and the Internet.
Prerequisites: Familiarity with word processing on either IBM or Macintosh platforms.
(1546) Mayo, Janet
6 Week 1: May 30-July 7
MTTh 6:00p.m.-9:15p.m.  
HS-04

R Pad 505  
Data, Models, and Decisions II (4)  
A case-based approach to methods of data collection, statistical modeling, and analysis particularly appropriate to problems in public management and policy. Topics include case studies of data modeling and decisions in the public sector, data collection, exploratory data analysis, population and sampling distributions, confidence intervals, hypothesis testing, correlation, and regression. Prerequisite: Data, Models, and Decisions I.  
(1228) Staff  
6 Week 3: July 10-August 18  
MTTh 6:00p.m.-9:15p.m.  
DR-14

R Pad 506  
Foundations of Public Management (4)  
An introduction to the theory and practice of public management. Topics include individual, group level, and organizational issues such as creating productive work environments, working within human resource systems, developing a learning organization, facilitating innovation, and managing across organizational boundaries. Cases and exercises will focus on practical applications of concepts covered. Prerequisite: Institutional Foundations of Public Administration.  
(1845) Park, Sora  
6 Week 3: July 10-August 18  
MTTh 6:00p.m.-9:15p.m.  
HS-202

R Pad 538  
U.S. Health Reform at the Crossroads (3)  
This course offered online through the Blackboard Learning System. US health policy is experiencing one of the most unstable periods of any major policy issue in American history, having just undergone one major revision and now facing the immediate prospect of a complete change in direction. This course will have two major parts: (i) exploring the Affordable Care Act's main elements, political history, economic rationales, and major impacts and (ii) examining current policy, to the extent that clear policy initiatives have emerged or been passed. At least three weeks of the course will be spent on the Affordable Care Act; how much time is spent on more recent policy changes will depend on the clarity and detail of those changes. The professor will update the course as events unfold, even over the course of the term. Prerequisite: Introductory statistics at the level of RPAD505. Shared resource course with R PAD 438 (2466).  
(2467) Weinberg, Stephen  
6 Week 2: June 26-August 4  
Online course in Blackboard

R Pad 553  
Topics in Homeland Security and Terrorism (4)  
This course examines an array of topics related to homeland security, terrorism, responses to terrorism, and the role of terrorism in public policy problems. Depending on the semester, the course will focus on a subset of issues in this field and may include both substantive and methodological topics relevant to the study of homeland security and terrorism. Cross-listed course with C EHC 553 (2599).  
(1339) Sheppard, Frederic  
12 Week: May 30-August 18  
W 6:00p.m.-9:00p.m.  
HS-202