Introduction:

This course is designed to build on the fields of public policy and public policy analysis. The course emphasizes the structure of policy problems, forecasting policy alternatives, optimizing resources, and reducing uncertainty in policy making. The course will use lecture, and group discussion to develop the students’ understanding of the various theoretical models and methods of policy analysis. The course assumes students already have a graduate level course in public policy.

Required Materials:
A course reader containing several articles is available at the Alternative Copy Center (northeast corner of University and Forest). Each student is required to obtain a copy and read these articles. There are no textbooks for this course.

Recommended Reference Materials:


Course Requirements:

Readings: Students are required to complete the necessary reading assignments before each session.

Attendance: Class attendance is strongly recommended. Students are responsible for all materials discussed in class.

Honesty: Plagiarism is the act of taking ideas and/or written statements from another and passing them off as one’s own. Examples of this are failure to cite a source for statements used in a paper and failing to signify a quotation through the use of quotation marks. Anyone engaging in this intellectually dishonest practice will receive a grade of “F” for the assignment in which it occurs. If you are uncertain of the meaning of this policy, please contact the instructor.

Assignments, Grading, Exams: The final grade will be computed as follows: class attendance and participation: 50%; policy reports: 50%.

Each student will complete two (2) policy reports/presentations on assigned policy matters/concepts outlined below. Because of the relevance of these discussion documents to particular class sessions, all discussion documents must be turned in the class prior to presentation. All students are responsible for the class readings to be able to actively participate in class discussions. Policy areas include:

Foreign Policy
North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA)
Foreign Aid
US and world – the role of the US in world affairs

Domestic Policy
Homeland Security Defense Policy
Women and Minorities
Immigration Policy
Native American Communities and Public Policy
Environmental Policy
State Sovereignty and National Policy
Domestic/Industrial Policy

Building Blocks:
Education Policy
Urban Policy
Economic Thought and Public Policy
Policy Outcomes and Sunset Reviews
Information and Public Institutions Technology
Seminar Schedule:

August 25 (Professor Alozie)

Foreign Policy (Foreign Aid)

The Transfer of Arms and the Diffusion of Democracy: Do Arms Promote or Undermine the “Third Wave?” Shannon Lindsey Blanton, (Reader Pages 689-705)

The New Protracted Conflict: Finding a Foreign Policy, Harvey Sicherman, (Reader Pages 706-718)

September 8 (Mary) (Erin GNP,)

Domestic/Industrial Policy
Swap Meet. Rebecca Gardyn, (Reader Pages 290-294)

Political Resources and Direct State Intervention: The Adoption of Public Venture Capital Programs in the American States, 1974-1990, Kevin T. Leicht and J. Craig Jenkins, (Reader Pages 295-318)

The Feasibility of a Comprehensive U.S. Industrial Policy, William E. Hudson, (Reader Pages 318-335)

September 15 (J.D Policy Outcomes) (Erin, Foreign Aid)

Policy Outcomes and Sunset Reviews
Sunset and Occupational Regulation: A Case Study, Cynthia Slaughter, (Reader Pages 498-502)

Riding Into the Sunset: A Look at the State Agency Review Process, Mark L. Genrich, (Reader Pages 503-525)

Professionalism, Variation, and Organizational Survival, David L. Torres, (Reader Pages 526-539)

September 22 (Cassi)

Homeland Security Defense Policy
Homeland Security and Information, Harold C. Relyea, (Reader Pages 721-731)

September 29

(Hak-Soo, Intl Health Policy) (Chizanya, Intl. Aids)

International Health Policy
Information (Technology, Flow) and Public Institutions Breakthrough in Privacy Concerns and Lawful Access Conflicts, John Olurotimi Ayoade and Toshio Kosuge, (Reader Pages 338-354)

Managing WWW in Public Administration: Uses and Misuses, Chaomeng James Huang, Mei-Hui Chao, (Reader Pages 355-371)

Public Sector Information Technology Initiatives: Implications for Programs of Public Administration, Mary Maureen Brown and Jeffrey L. Brundney, (Reader Pages 372-382)

October 6th

(Laura, Educational Policy)
(Garry Epstein, English as a second language)

Educational Policy
The Public-Private Nexus in Education, Henry M. Levin, (Reader Pages 125-131)

They Blind Me with Political Science: On the Use of Nonpeer Reviewed Research in Education Policy, Edward Muir, (Reader Pages 132-134)

Should Public Discussion of Political Science Research Be Controlled? Why Interest Group Recommendations on the Proper Procedures for Reporting Research Should Be Treated with Skepticism, Jay P. Greene and Paul E. Peterson, (Reader Pages 135-138)

Social Science Should Be a Process, Not a Bloody Shirt, Edward Muir, (Reader Pages 139-141)

Quality, Race, and The Urban Education Marketplace, Fredrick M. Hess and David L. Leal, (Reader Pages 143-152)

Education Reform and the Politics of 2000, Kenneth Godwin and Wenda Sheard, (Reader Pages 153-162)
October 13th  

*Francisco*

**Immigration Policy**
Social Factors Influencing Immigration Attitudes: An Analysis of Data from the General Social Survey, Charles R. Chandler and Yung-mei Tsai, (Reader Pages 460-471)

Tax Burden and Migration: A Political Economy Theory and Evidence, Assaf Razin, Efraim Sadka and Phillip Swagel, (Reader Pages 472-495)

October 20th  

*Chizanya*

**Health Care Policy**

Social Structure, Revitalization Movements and State Building: Social Change in Four Native American Societies, Duane Champagne, (Reader Pages 545-554)

Including Native American Perspectives in the Political Science Curriculum, Frank Wilmer, Michael E. Melody, Margaret Maier Murdock, (Reader Pages 555-562)

October 27  

*M.D. Urban Policy*  

*Sunhee, Urban Sprawl*

**Urban Policy**
State Urban Policy: “New” Federalism in Virginia, New Jersey and Florida, Janet Kelly and Bruce Ransom, (Reader Pages 165-175)

Comparing the Efficiency of Alternative Policies for Reducing Traffic Congestion, I.W.H. Parry, (Reader Pages 176-205)

Metropolitan Political Reorganization as a Politics of Urban Growth: The Case of San Fernando Valley Secession, M. Purcell, (Reader Pages 206-226)

November 3rd  

*Laura*

**Technology and Public Policy**
Reorienting for Sustainable Development: Support for a National Science and Technology Policy, Candice S Levine, (Reader Pages 384-391)
Emerging Patterns of Complex Technological Innovation, Don E. Kash and Robert Rycroft, (Reader Pages 392-417)

Science, Technology, and Politics, D. Allan Bromley, (Reader Pages 418-435)

What Can Past Technology Forecasts Tell Us About the Future? Richard E. Albright, (Reader Pages 436-457)

November 10th

**(Cassi, Agricultural Policy) (Francisco, NAFTA)**

**Agricultural Policy**
North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA)
The Effects of the North American Free Trade Agreement on Corporate and Labor PAC Contributions, Peter L. Francia, (Reader Pages 599-604)

Should Trade Barriers be Phased-out Slowly? A Case Study of North America, Michael A. Kouparitsas, (Reader Pages 605-630)

Business Ethics in the NAFTA Countries: A Cross-cultural Comparison, Jacquelin N. Hood and Jeanne M. Logsdon, (Reader Pages 631-638)

Global Monetary Instability: The Role of the IMF, the EU and NAFTA, A.G. Malliaris, (Reader Pages 639-659)

November 17th

**(M.D.)**

**Energy Policy**
Economic Thought and Public Policy
Returning African American Farmers to the Land: Recent Trends and a Policy Rationale, Spencer D. Wood and Jess Gilbert, (Reader Pages 565-576)


The Individual in Economic Analysis: Toward Psychology of Economic Behavior, Harold Wolozin, (Reader Pages 583-595)
November 24th  
(Mary, Romona, Native American Policy)  

State Sovereignty and National Policy  
National Entanglements in International Governmental Organizations, Harold K. Jacobson, William M. Reisinger, and Todd Mathers, (Reader Pages 228-246)  

The State and the Nation: Changing Norms and the Rules of Sovereignty in International Relations, J. Samuel Barkin and Bruce Cronin, (Reader Pages 246-269)  

Federalism, Individual Rights, and the Conditional Spending Conundrum, Laura S. Jensen, (Reader Pages 270-282)  

Human Rights Fifty Years after the Universal Declaration: Reconciling American Political Science and the Study of Human Rights, David P. Forsythe, (Reader Pages 284-288)  

December 1st  
(J.D. Hak-So, American Water Conv.)  
(Garry Epsiein, Military vs. Civilian Policy)  

Environment and Public Policy  

World Fire: The Culture of Fire on Earth, Stephen J. Pyne, (Reader Pages 85-105)  

Dimensions of Environmental Policy Support in the United States, Christopher Jan Carmen, (Reader Pages 106-114)  

Exploring Variation in Public Support for Environmental Protection, Euel Elliott, James L. Regens, and Barry J. Seldon, (Reader Pages 115-121)  

December 8th  
Last class  
(Romona, Women, Minorities)  
(Sunhee Social Representation of Women)  

Women, Minorities, and Public Policy  

Gender as an Impediment to Labor Market Success: Why Do Young Woman Report Greater Harm? Heather Antecol and Peter Kuhn, (Reader Pages 44-70)