

Public Policy (PPOL)

PPOL 405. Evaluating Public Policies and Programs. 3 or 4 hours.

Designed to introduce students to research methods used in the social sciences to evaluate public programs. There is an overview of evaluation, understanding why we do evaluations and theories impacting evaluations and research design. Course Information: 3 undergraduate hours. 4 graduate hours. Previously listed as PA 405.

PPOL 430. Fundraising and Development for Nonprofit Organizations. 3 or 4 hours.

Designed to help students learn why and how US nonprofit organizations secure philanthropy through charitable giving. Students will be exposed to knowledge, strategies, best practice principles and scholarly research. Course Information: 3 undergraduate hours. 4 graduate hours. Prerequisite(s): PPOL 230.

PPOL 467. Civic Engagement. 3 or 4 hours.

Analytic frameworks and practical strategies for utilizing public participation in government and community decisions. Investigates interactions between civic participation, efforts to improve administration of programs and develop new public policies. Course Information: Same as PA 467. 3 undergraduate hours; 4 graduate hours. Prerequisite(s): Admission to the MPA program or consent of instructor.

PPOL 490. Field Experience in Public Policy and Administration. 4 hours.

Students work in an organization such as a government agency, community group, or nonprofit organization. Students are required to submit written work and meet with professor on periodic basis to review work experience. Course Information: Same as PA 490. Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory grading only. May be repeated. A maximum of 4 hours of credit may be applied to the Master of Public Administration program. Field work required. Students who have no prior work experience in the public or non-profit sectors are strongly recommended to register for this course. Prerequisite(s): Graduate standing required and admission to the MPA program or consent of the instructor.

PPOL 496. Special Topics in Public Policy. 3 or 4 hours.

Special topics in public policy, such as: nonprofit management, racial equity analysis in public administration, deliberative democracy and civic analytics. Course Information: 3 undergraduate hours. 4 graduate hours. Recommended Background: PPOL 100; and PPOL 210.

PPOL 499. Independent Study in Public Policy. 1-3 hours.

Provides an opportunity for students to pursue an independent project that is not available through the required Public Policy coursework. Course Information: Previously listed as PA 499. May be repeated for a maximum of 6 hours. Prerequisite(s): Admission to the BA in Public Policy program or consent of the instructor.