Public Policy (PPOL)

PPOL 100. Individual Action and Democratic Citizenship. 3 hours.
Seeks to enhance understanding of the role of the individual as
democratic citizen in shaping policy issues and outcomes in today's
world. Course information: Previously listed as PA 100. Individual and
Society course.

PPOL 210. Introduction to Policy Process. 3 hours.
Public policy and the policymaking process. Course Information:
Previously listed PA 210. Prerequisite(s): Grade of C or better in ENGL
161. US Society course.

PPOL 212. Evidence-Based Public Policy. 3 hours.
Introduction to theories of the policy process, types of evidence that are
used in policy-making, and barriers and criticisms to evidence-based
policy-making including policy domains in health, education and the

PPOL 230. Nonprofit Organizations in U.S. Society. 3 hours.
Introduction to the US nonprofit sector and examines the social, political,
and economic impact of these organizations in American society from
roughly 1870 to today. Historical emphasis on events that have shaped
the modern American nonprofit sector. Course Information: Previously
listed as PA 230. Past course, and US Society course.

PPOL 231. The American Safety Net. 3 hours.
Provides a basic introduction to social welfare policy in the United States,
examines the history of social welfare policies and programs in the US,
and explores American cultural values and attitudes. Course Information:
Previously listed as PA 231. US Society course.

PPOL 232. International Development Policy in a Globalized World. 3
hours.
Provides a basic introduction to globalization and international
development, and how public policy can shape and address them.
Course Information: Previously listed as PA 232. Individual and Society
course, and World Cultures course.

PPOL 240. Environmental Policy. 3 hours.
Provides an introduction to political, economic and social dimensions
of environmental policy and teaches methods needed to understand,
evaluate, design and implement environmental policies, especially in
the United States. Course Information: Previously listed as PA 240. US Society
course.

PPOL 300. Introduction to Urban Policy Processes. 3 hours.
Basic structure of the policy process within the urban context
including the nature of urban policy, its formulation, evaluation, and
implementation. Emphasis on state and local policy development as it
relates to urban areas. Course Information: Previously listed as PA 300.
Field work required. Prerequisite(s): Admission to the BA in Public Policy
or Urban Studies and college-level Microeconomics; or consent of the
instructor.

PPOL 303. Bureaucracy and Public Policy. 3 hours.
Personnel management, organizing, budgeting, finance, leadership,
motivation, economic development, accountability, ethics, legal and
constitutional foundations. Course Information: Previously listed as
PA 303. Prerequisite(s): Admission to the BA in Public Policy or Urban
Studies; or consent of the instructor.

PPOL 305. Managing Government Partnerships. 3 hours.
Intergovernmental finance, inter-jurisdictional competition,
intergovernmental cooperation, intergovernmental cooperative
agreements, and contractual and informal relations with non-profit
organizations and governmental actors. Course Information: Previously
listed as PA 305. Prerequisite(s): Admission to the BA in Public Policy or
Urban Studies or consent of the instructor.

PPOL 307. Policy Analysis and Alternatives. 3 hours.
Policy analysis and approaches to assessing policy problems and
alternatives in the U.S. context. Course Information: Previously listed as
PPOL 211. Prerequisite(s): Grade of C or better in ENGL 161; and PPOL
210.

PPOL 309. Public Budgeting and Financial Management. 3 hours.
Government budgeting, financial, management and the reciprocal
relationship between government and the economy. Course Information:
Same as US 309. Previously listed as PA 309. Prerequisite(s): Admission
to the BA in Public Policy or Urban Studies or consent of the instructor.

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 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 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 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.