

Public Affairs (P A)

P A 301 Foundations of Public Affairs 3 Hours

Explore key concepts and debates in the study of public policy. Review foundational historical texts, influential theoretical writings, and important case studies. Discover a range of policy issues, both domestic and international.

P A 305 Analysis of Policy Adoption and Implementation 3 Hours

Examine how US policymakers and staff in local, state, and federal government formulate and manage public policy, including the processes for creating and adopting public policy and the processes for implementing and governing public policy.

P A 309 Introductory Topics in Policy 3 Hours

Survey various introductory topics in public affairs and policy.

P A 309.1 Introduction to International Development Policy 3 Hours

Explore the ideational landscape of international development, including the main "schools of thought" in development over time, as well how the beliefs and assumptions within these schools inform particular policy solutions. Analyze the institutional landscape with respect to the actors, organizations, and transnational communities that shape how global development has been practiced at the local, national and international levels. Examine the indicator landscape concerning how data on development can be found, interpreted and used to pursue evidence-based analysis and decision making in this space. Survey contemporary development policy issues.

P A 309.2 Introduction to National Security 3 Hours

Explore the actors, processes, and current challenges of U.S. national security. Examine policy formulation, the instruments of national security and their integration, and legal and ethical tensions. Learn about the array of current state and non-state actors threatening national and global security.

P A 311L Qualitative Methods for Public Affairs 3 Hours

Survey a variety of qualitative empirical methods, drawn from the fields of history, anthropology, political science, and sociology, that are essential for making and evaluating public policies and programs.

P A 311N Quantitative Methods for Public Affairs 3 Hours

Survey a variety of quantitative empirical methods, drawn from the fields of data science and management science, that are essential for making and evaluating public policies and programs.

P A 315 Economic Analysis for Public Affairs 3 Hours

Use the tools of microeconomics to analyze the public policymaking role of governments. Examine rationales for policy interventions including addressing market failures, distributional goals, generating revenue, among other objectives. Explore specific policy interventions and topics relevant to contemporary public policy debates such as taxation, health, social welfare, energy and the environment, and income inequality.

P A 119S, 219S, 319S, 419S, 519S, 619S, 719S, 819S, 919S Topics in Public Affairs 1-9 Hours

This course is used to record credit the student earns while enrolled at another institution in a program administered by the University's Study Abroad Office. Credit is recorded as assigned by the study abroad adviser in the Lyndon B. Johnson School of Public Affairs. University credit is awarded for work in an exchange program; it may be counted as coursework taken in residence. Transfer credit is awarded for work in an affiliated studies program.

P A 320 Communication for Public Affairs 3 Hours

Develop strategies to engage with policy audiences outside of academic circles by practicing clear concise communication. Evaluate and practice various genres of policy communication with an emphasis on learning by doing.

P A 325 Topics in Policy 3 Hours

Survey various topics in public affairs and policy.

P A 129S, 229S, 329S, 429S, 529S, 629S, 729S, 829S, 929S Topics in Public Affairs 1-9 Hours

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P A 136 Professional Development 1 Hour

Practice entering the professional realm of policymaking through a series of workshops that focus on different aspects of professional development such as resume-writing, mock job interviews, drafting cover letters for jobs and internships, and professional networking.

P A 137 Leadership Laboratory 1 Hour

Discover the basic skills of effective public and nonprofit leadership that promote well-being and strengthen civil society. Determine the characteristics of good leaders, including personal and social responsibility, inclusivity, and ethics. Develop and refine a guiding personal philosophy of leadership for navigating real world applications to advance social and policy change.

P A 345 Advanced Topics in Policy 3 Hours

Examine various advanced topics in public affairs and policy.

P A 355 Advanced Topics in Policy Analysis Skills and Methods 3 Hours

Explore advanced qualitative or quantitative methods to better shape and evaluate public policies.

P A 359 Public Affairs Internship 3 Hours

Participate in fieldwork at an organization focused on public affairs.

P A 159R Topics in Public Policy Issues 1 Hour

Current issues in public policy.

P A 159R.1 UT Energy Symposium 1 Hour

P A 365W Topics in Policymaking in Washington, DC 3 Hours

Explore various topics about the practice of policymaking by United States federal institutions, international organizations, and non-state actors in Washington, DC.

P A 168 Policy Simulation 1 Hour

Apply principles of policy analysis and development, as well as skills in policy communication and leadership, to tackle a contemporary policy problem.

P A 370 Independent Study in Public Affairs 3 Hours

Undertake supervised individual research on a special topic in the field of public affairs.

P A 280L, 380L Topics in Public Policy and Law 2-3 Hours

Various aspects of policy making, policy development, and communications at a variety of levels.

P A 280L.1, 380L.1 Policy Development and Law 2-3 Hours

Examines effective policy making at all levels of government, including consideration of the legal process which provides critical context; the policy development process and its relationship to the rule of law; and key elements of public policy development, including ethics, decision making, leadership, and policy implementation.

P A 280L.2, 380L.2 Policy and Law Placement 2-3 Hours

Thorough examination of ethical issues and professional responsibilities and development of written and oral communication skills that are preparatory for field placement in policy and law.

P A 280L.3, 380L.3 Law and Public Policy 2-3 Hours

Examines the interconnection of public policy and law and how the two disciplines approach related issues; how legal structures and precedent shape and constrain policy choices; and how public policy informs the work of the courts.

P A 680P Policy Research Project 6 Hours

Interdisciplinary research on a contemporary policy problem involving interaction with sponsoring organizations.

P A 680W Apprenticeship in Public Policy 6 Hours

P A 181W, 281W, 381W, 481W Topics in the Foundations of Policymaking 1-4 Hours

P A 882D Policy Research Project 8 Hours

Interdisciplinary research on a contemporary policy problem involving interaction with an agency of government.

P A 682G Policy Research Project on Global Policy Issues 6 Hours

Interdisciplinary research on a contemporary global policy problem involving interaction with sponsoring organizations.

P A 382W Topics in Policy Analysis: Seminar 3 Hours

P A 383C Topics in Policy Development 3 Hours

Introduction to how public policy is developed and adopted in government systems. Covers the role of politics and institutions in implementing and managing policy. Normally taken during the first year.

P A 383D Politics and Process 3 Hours

Introduction to how public policy develops and is adopted in the American government system.

P A 383G Policymaking in a Global Age 3 Hours

History, politics, and organization of how the United States makes and implements foreign policy decisions.

P A 384D Public Management 3 Hours

Covers the development and implementation of policy within an organization environment, including the role of political and institutional factors, organization and management concepts, and human information resource issues. Normally taken during the first year.

P A 385C Topics In Public Management 3 Hours

Develop and implement policy within an organizational environment in the public and nonprofit sectors including the role of political and institutional actors, organization and management concepts, and human resource information issues.

P A 385D Advanced Topics in Public Management 3 Hours

Explore various advanced public management topics related to the development and implementation of policy within an organizational environment in the public and nonprofit sectors including the role of political and institutional actors, organization and management concepts, and human resource information issues.

P A 387G The Nature of the International System 3 Hours

Introduces systematic analysis of global policy, factors that motivate foreign policies and private decisions, and instruments used in the conduct of international relations.

P A 187K, 287K, 387K, 487K Advanced Topics in Public Policy 1-4 Hours

Issues in political values and ethics and in natural resources, transportation, health, environmental, international, regulatory, urban, and labor and human resources policy.

P A 387W Writing For Global Policy 3 Hours

P A 388D Advanced Topics in Public Policy 3 Hours

Typical topics include issues in political values and ethics and issues in transportation, health, environmental, international, regulatory, urban, and labor and human resources policy.

P A 388D.1 Perspectives on Public Policy 3 Hours

Covers the art and science of policy formulation in the areas of economics, national security, monetary policy, science, technology, and trade. Examines the relationships among policy development processes at the federal, state, and local levels of government.

P A 388D.2 Politics and Policies in an Aging Population 3 Hours

P A 388D.3 Texas Health Policy 3 Hours

P A 188F, 288F, 388F Topics in Policy and Practice 1-3 Hours

P A 188G Topics in Global Policy Studies 1 Hour

P A 388J Writing for Policy 3 Hours

P A 188K, 288K, 388K, 488K Advanced Topics in Public Policy 1-4 Hours

Typical topics include issues in political values and ethics and in natural resources, transportation, health, environmental, international, regulatory, urban, and labor and human resources policy.

P A 188K.10, 288K.10, 388K.10, 488K.10 Nonprofit Management and Strategy 1-4 Hours

P A 188K.11, 288K.11, 388K.11, 488K.11 Qualitative Methods for the Social Sciences 1-4 Hours

P A 188K.7, 288K.7, 388K.7, 488K.7 International Development 1-4 Hours

P A 188K.8, 288K.8, 388K.8, 488K.8 Introduction to Geographic Information Systems 1-4 Hours

P A 188K.9, 288K.9, 388K.9, 488K.9 Nongovernmental Organizations in Developing Worlds 1-4 Hours

P A 188L, 288L, 388L Advanced Topics in Management 1-3 Hours

P A 388N Invisible Global Market 3 Hours

P A 188S Advanced Topics in Public Policy 1 Hour

P A 188W Advanced Topics In Public Policy 1 Hour

P A 389 Conference Course in Policy Analysis 3 Hours

Individual instruction related to selected aspects of professional theory and practice.

P A 189C, 289C Independent Study in Public Policy 1-2 Hours

Individual instruction related to selected aspects of professional theory and practice.

P A 389D Communications 3 Hours

P A 189W Policy Portfolio Internship 1 Hour

Integrative portfolio course organized around a project incorporating previous studies, academic research and practical application of work in a professional internship.

P A 390C Advanced Research Methods 3 Hours

Study of research methods, with a focus on those needed by doctoral students in public policy. Includes discussions of broad controversies in social science methodology and subjects not commonly covered in other first-year graduate courses.

P A 390D, 690D, 990D Dissertation Proposal Preparation 3,6,9 Hours
Development and preparation of the dissertation proposal.

P A 390E Research Design 3 Hours

Designed to provide a structured framework in which students can develop and apply methods training and produce a research paper.

P A 190G Writing for Global Policy Studies 1 Hour

Instruction in the writing styles appropriate for professional careers in international settings.

P A 391 Public Financial Management 3 Hours
The budget process, budgetary methods, governmental accounting analysis of financial statements, government revenues, debt management, and other financial management techniques for public and nonprofit programs.

P A 391G Advanced Topics In Public Financial Management 3 Hours
Explore various advanced public financial management topics that may include budgetary methods, government accounting analysis of financial statements, government revenues, debt management, and other financial management techniques for public and nonprofit programs.

P A 392C Theory and Philosophy of Public Policy I 3 Hours
Explores the theoretical foundations of public policy. Includes political philosophy concepts and various theoretical approaches to the policy-making process.

P A 392D Theory and Philosophy of Public Policy II 3 Hours

P A 393C Foundations of Public Policy 3 Hours

P A 393G Microeconomics 3 Hours
Principles of markets and market failures relevant to global policy studies.

P A 393H International Economics 3 Hours
Comparative advantage, international trade, international trade institutions, and agreements.

P A 393J Topics in International Economics 3 Hours
Comparative advantage, international trade, international trade institutions, and agreements.

P A 393K Applied Microeconomics for Policy Analysis 3 Hours
The use of economic reasoning in the development and implementation of public policy.

P A 393L Topics in Advanced Policy Economics 3 Hours
Advanced topics in the application of economic reasoning to the development and implementation of policy.

P A 394C Research Design and Methods I 3 Hours
Introduction to research and design methods in public affairs/policy.

P A 095 Public Affairs Colloquium 0 Hours
Guest lectures on topics to be announced.

P A 195C Supervised Policy Research 1 Hour
Supervised, individual policy research experience on a topic chosen by the supervising faculty member.

P A 395D Research Design and Methods II 3 Hours
Continuing study of research and design methods for students at the doctoral level.

P A 195G Global Policy Simulation 1 Hour
Supervised role-playing exercises on global policy.

P A 195W Policy Simulation 1 Hour
Supervised role-playing exercises on public policy.

P A 196C Supervised Public Service 1 Hour
Supervised, individual practical public service experience in an area chosen by the supervising faculty member.

P A 396G Internship in Global Policy Studies 3 Hours
Supervised participation in and observation of international issues as a working member of the staff in an agency of government, a nonprofit organization, or a public policy-related unit in the private sector.

P A 396K Internship in Public Policy 3 Hours
Supervised participation and observation as a working member of the staff in an agency of government, a nonprofit organization, or a public policy-related unit in the private sector.

P A 397 Introduction to Empirical Methods for Policy Analysis 3 Hours
Survey of the application of a broad range of quantitative models to policy analysis and managerial decision-making: optimization techniques based on calculus and linear programming, probability theory and decision analysis, sampling theory and hypothesis testing, regression analysis, and forecasting.

P A 397C Topics in Advanced Empirical Methods for Policy Analysis 3 Hours
Research methods, specialized empirical techniques, and data analysis as used in policy analysis and management.

P A 397D Applied Quantitative Analysis I 3 Hours

P A 397G Analytical Methods for Global Policy Studies 3 Hours
Descriptive statistics, inference, multivariate regression, qualitative methods, and case study methods applicable to global policy research.

P A 098J Joint Programs with Partner Institutions 0 Hours
Certification course for students enrolled in Lyndon B. Johnson School of Public Affairs interdisciplinary joint degree programs.

P A 398R Master's Report 3 Hours
Preparation of a report to fulfill the requirement for the master's degree under the report option.

P A 198T, 398T Supervised Teaching in Public Affairs 1,3 Hours
Group meetings with the instructor, individual consultations, and reports. Mandatory for students seeking teaching assistant positions.

P A 399W, 699W, 999W Dissertation 3,6,9 Hours