

PUBLIC POLICY + ADMINISTRATION-PPA (PPA)

Courses

PPA 500 Research Methods for Public Policy and Admin Credits: 3 (3-0-0)

Course Description: Introduction to the design, logic, and ethics of research methods appropriate for the evaluation of policies and programs before, during, and after implementation.

Prerequisite: None.

Restriction: Must be a: Graduate.

Registration Information: Graduate standing. Sections may be offered: Online.

Terms Offered: Fall, Spring.

Grade Mode: Traditional.

Special Course Fee: No.

PPA 501 Program Evaluation and Quantitative Methods Credits: 3 (3-0-0)

Course Description: Overview of program evaluation and hands-on application to managerial decision making in public administration. Topics include program evaluation, data collection and measurement in public administration, descriptive statistics, measures of association and other bivariate statistics, index variable construction, regression analysis, and an overview of selected other methods applied to problems of public administration and policy.

Prerequisite: None.

Restriction: Must be a: Graduate.

Registration Information: Graduate standing. Sections may be offered: Online.

Grade Mode: Traditional.

Special Course Fee: No.

PPA 530 Civic Engagement Credits: 3 (3-0-0)

Course Description: Focus on public engagement directed at the tools, theories, and processes relevant to public policy and administration. Introduction to the role citizens play in democracy, decision making, public administration, and public policy. Trends of engagement are explored alongside strategies useful to manage, encourage, and facilitate public participation in public policy and administration. Practice is emphasized.

Prerequisite: None.

Restriction: Must be a: Graduate.

Registration Information: Graduate standing. Sections may be offered: Online.

Grade Mode: Traditional.

Special Course Fee: No.

PPA 540 International Policy Toolkit Credits: 3 (3-0-0)

Course Description: Provides a valuable toolkit for those interested in working for an intergovernmental organization, international non-governmental organization, or for the U.S. foreign policy-making apparatus. Topics covered include regime change, civil society, political culture, terrorism, and international organizations.

Prerequisite: PPA 500 or PPA 501.

Restriction: Must be a: Graduate.

Registration Information: Sections may be offered: Online.

Grade Mode: Traditional.

Special Course Fee: No.

PPA 541 Principles & Processes of International Mgmt Credits: 3 (3-0-0)
Course Description: Policy-making and policy-implementation processes of intergovernmental organizations and international non-governmental organizations.

Prerequisite: PPA 500 or PPA 501.

Restriction: Must be a: Graduate.

Registration Information: Sections may be offered: Online.

Grade Mode: Traditional.

Special Course Fee: No.

PPA 542 Policy Accountability--Non-Democratic Regimes Credits: 3 (3-0-0)

Course Description: Theoretical knowledge and practical, real-world applications that navigate the complex political and economic terrain of non-democratic regimes.

Prerequisite: PPA 500 to 699 - at least 9 credits.

Restriction: Must be a: Graduate.

Registration Information: Sections may be offered: Online.

Grade Mode: Traditional.

Special Course Fee: No.

PPA 543 Evidence-Based Decision Making Credits: 3 (3-0-0)

Course Description: A survey of evidence-based decision making, including tools, constraints, and opportunities for public servants.

Prerequisite: PPA 501.

Restriction: Must be a: Graduate.

Registration Information: Sections may be offered: Online.

Grade Mode: Traditional.

Special Course Fee: No.

PPA 544 Ethics and Efficacy--Global Policymaking Credits: 3 (3-0-0)

Course Description: In-depth study of international policymaking success and failure with a focus on ethics and cross-border issues. Provides the expertise and awareness necessary for leadership in international policy and management.

Prerequisite: PPA 500 to 699 - at least 9 credits.

Restriction: Must be a: Graduate.

Registration Information: Sections may be offered: Online.

Grade Mode: Traditional.

Special Course Fee: No.

PPA 550 Advanced Public Administration Credits: 3 (3-0-0)

Also Offered As: POLS 550.

Course Description: Overview of study of public administration; recent developments in theory and practice.

Prerequisite: None.

Restriction: Must be a: Graduate.

Registration Information: Graduate standing. Sections may be offered: Online. Credit not allowed for both POLS 550 and PPA 550.

Grade Mode: Traditional.

Special Course Fee: No.

PPA 551 Public Human Resources Management Credits: 3 (3-0-0)

Course Description: Study of public sector human resource methods and practices. Focus on modern personnel systems, laws, and policies related to the management of human resources in the public sector.

Prerequisite: None.

Restriction: Must be a: Graduate.

Registration Information: Graduate standing. Sections may be offered: Online. Credit not allowed for both POLS 552A and PPA 551.

Grade Mode: Traditional.

Special Course Fee: No.

PPA 552 Public Budgeting and Finance Credits: 3 (3-0-0)

Course Description: Overview of public budgeting concepts, tools, and techniques. Focus is placed on understanding and analyzing public budget proposals and modern techniques for public budgeting processes.

Prerequisite: None.

Restriction: Must be a: Graduate.

Registration Information: Graduate standing. Sections may be offered: Online. Credit not allowed for both POLS 552B and PPA 552.

Grade Mode: Traditional.

Special Course Fee: No.

PPA 553 Public Organizational Management and Behavior Credits: 3 (3-0-0)

Course Description: Theories of behavior of individuals and organizations in government bureaucracies.

Prerequisite: None.

Restriction: Must be a: Graduate.

Registration Information: Graduate standing. Sections may be offered: Online. Credit not allowed for both POLS 652 and PPA 553.

Grade Mode: Traditional.

Special Course Fee: No.

PPA 555 Environmental Law and Policy Credits: 3 (3-0-0)

Course Description: Explores different methods of setting environmental goals, economic incentives, and the roles of federal, state, and local governments in protecting the natural environment. Focus on substantive policy areas to connect theory with practice.

Prerequisite: POLS 660 or POLS 665 or PPA 665.

Restriction: Must be a: Graduate.

Registration Information: Sections may be offered: Online.

Grade Mode: Traditional.

Special Course Fee: No.

PPA 558 Administrative Law Credits: 3 (3-0-0)

Also Offered As: POLS 558.

Course Description: Introduction to the different roles that each branch of the national and state governments play in administrative law, also the politics of administration and regulation. Attention dedicated to the complex ways areas of law interact across administrative decision-making and disputes.

Prerequisite: None.

Restriction: Must be a: Graduate.

Registration Information: Graduate standing. Sections may be offered: Online. Credit allowed for only one of the following: POLS 558, PPA 558, or POLS 580A2.

Grade Mode: Traditional.

Special Course Fee: No.

PPA 559 Nonprofit Management Credits: 3 (3-0-0)

Course Description: Study the management of nonprofit organizations. Focus on understanding the role nonprofits plan in public service and strategies for creating and operating a nonprofit. Historical, theoretical, and legal issues of nonprofit organizations are explored.

Prerequisite: None.

Restriction: Must be a: Graduate.

Registration Information: Graduate standing. Sections may be offered: Online.

Grade Mode: Traditional.

Special Course Fee: No.

PPA 560 City Management Credits: 3 (3-0-0)

Course Description: Administrative functions, organization, politics, and problems associated with city government. In-depth study of the administrative management of US cities.

Prerequisite: None.

Restriction: Must be a: Graduate.

Registration Information: Sections may be offered: Online.

Grade Mode: Traditional.

Special Course Fee: No.

PPA 561 State and Local Government Finance Credits: 3 (3-0-0)

Course Description: Examines issues in state and local government finance to understand how governments make expenditure and revenue decisions. Topics include public choice, fiscal federalism, costs and production of state and local goods and services, and intergovernmental grants.

Prerequisite: None.

Restriction: Must be a: Graduate.

Registration Information: Graduate standing. Sections may be offered: Online.

Grade Mode: Traditional.

Special Course Fee: No.

PPA 562 Healthcare Finance Credits: 3 (3-0-0)

Course Description: Examines the challenges confronting healthcare finance including health economics and management of financial resources in healthcare organizations. Emphasizes public policy and administrative challenges in the management of healthcare organizations.

Prerequisite: None.

Restriction: Must be a: Graduate.

Registration Information: Graduate standing. Sections may be offered: Online.

Grade Mode: Traditional.

Special Course Fee: No.

PPA 575 Public Service Administration Credits: 3 (3-0-0)

Course Description: Advanced study of public and nonprofit organizations. Focus on strategic planning, performance metrics and outcomes, social equity, and leadership.

Prerequisite: PPA 553.

Restriction: Must be a: Graduate.

Registration Information: Sections may be offered: Online.

Grade Mode: Traditional.

Special Course Fee: No.

PPA 576 Social Equity in Public Service Credits: 3 (3-0-0)

Course Description: Examines social equity as it applies to public organizations and public service. Investigating the historical, theoretical, and legal considerations of equity in public service. Exploring solutions to equity challenges in public administration.

Prerequisite: PPA 500 to 699 - at least 3 credits, may be taken concurrently.

Restriction: Must be a: Graduate.

Registration Information: Sections may be offered: Online.

Grade Mode: Traditional.

Special Course Fee: No.

PPA 577 Intersectional Advocacy and Public Policy Credits: 3 (3-0-0)

Course Description: The knowledge and skills necessary for effective advocacy and leadership within nonprofit and public service sectors. Explore key concepts such as advocacy, community organizing, and coalition building while examining the potential for nonprofits to drive systemic change. Emphasizes practical, real-world applications, incorporating case studies and hands-on projects.

Prerequisite: PPA 500 to 699 - at least 3 credits, may be taken concurrently.

Restriction: Must be a: Graduate.

Registration Information: Graduate standing. Sections may be offered: Online.

Grade Mode: Traditional.

Special Course Fee: No.

PPA 578 Health and Justice Credits: 3 (3-0-0)

Course Description: Focus on the intersection between health and justice, specifically: 1) an overview of health systems (including health care but also social safety net, etc.); 2) an overview of justice systems (from policing through supervision/re-entry); 3) how health and justice systems interact / how health inequities drive justice involvement and vice versa; and 4) the future of public policy, administration, and management of these and other intertwined systems.

Prerequisite: None.

Restriction: Must be a: Graduate.

Registration Information: Graduate standing. Sections may be offered: Online. Credit not allowed for both PPA 578 and PPA 580A1.

Grade Mode: Traditional.

Special Course Fee: No.

PPA 587 Internship Credits: Var[1-3] (0-0-0)

Course Description: Supervised professional work experience related to public policy and administration.

Prerequisite: None.

Restriction: Must be a: Graduate.

Registration Information: Written consent of advisor. At least 15 credits of graduate courses approved in the MPPA curriculum. Sections may be offered: Mixed Face-to-Face or Online.

Grade Mode: S/U Sat/Unsat Only.

Special Course Fee: No.

PPA 592 Special Topics in Public Policy and Admin Credits: 3 (0-0-3)

Course Description: Current topics in public policy and administration.

Prerequisite: PPA 500 or PPA 501.

Restriction: Must be a: Graduate.

Registration Information: May only be taken once for credit. Sections may be offered: Online.

Grade Mode: Traditional.

Special Course Fee: No.

PPA 660 Theories of the Policy Process Credits: 3 (3-0-0)

Also Offered As: POLS 660.

Course Description: Recent developments in public policy.

Prerequisite: None.

Restriction: Must be a: Graduate, Professional.

Registration Information: Graduate standing. Sections may be offered: Online. Credit not allowed for both PPA 660 and POLS 660.

Grade Mode: Traditional.

Special Course Fee: No.

PPA 665 Public Policy Analysis Credits: 3 (3-0-0)

Also Offered As: POLS 665.

Course Description: The practice of policy analysis and the tools used to conduct an analysis including: forecasting, cost benefit analysis, cost effectiveness analysis, and policy design.

Prerequisite: PPA 501 or POLS 625.

Restriction: Must be a: Graduate, Professional.

Registration Information: Sections may be offered: Online. Credit not allowed for both POLS 665 and PPA 665.

Grade Mode: Traditional.

Special Course Fee: No.

PPA 670 Capstone in Public Policy and Administration Credits: 3 (3-0-0)

Course Description: Opportunity to reflect, integrate, and synthesize what has been learned in the MPPA program. Completing the capstone demonstrates mastery of the knowledge gained in the core curriculum, selected specialization, and internship experience.

Prerequisite: PPA 500 to 699 - at least 21 credits.

Restriction: Must be a: Graduate, Professional.

Registration Information: Sections may be offered: Online.

Grade Mode: Traditional.

Special Course Fee: No.