

POLI 2070 (1)
T/Th 9-10:20
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Introduction to Public Policy Making

Course Description

This course is designed to teach you about public policy and **the study** of public policy. We will learn to use broad analytic frameworks to examine the challenges that arise in the formation and implementation of public policy and apply them to specific policy areas such as social welfare, health care, and immigration.

Course Requirements

You are expected to come to class prepared to participate in the discussion of the day's reading assignment. This means that you should read the day's assignment prior to class. A three hour course is associated with 9 total hours of work per week.

The textbook for this course is *Democratic Policymaking: An Analytic Approach (1st Edition)* by Barrilleaux, Reenock, and Souva. In addition to the textbook, pdfs of readings and links to readings and videos can be located on the class Moodle page. All students must abide by the Student Academic Honor Code. Cheating will not be tolerated. All electronic devices (cell phones, ipads, laptops, etc) must be placed inside a zipped backpack during exams. Failure to place electronic devices inside a zipped backpack will be considered cheating.

Because the public policy climate in the United States is constantly changing, newspaper articles and videos may be placed on the class Moodle page that are not listed on the syllabus. These articles and videos will be chosen to illustrate the contemporary nature of the day's readings. When these posting are added, you will receive email notification.

Exams

There are three exams in the course. Each exam is worth 120 points and will consist of 4 short answer questions (10 points each) and 40 multiple choice/true false questions (2 points). Exams are not cumulative. Make up exams may be taken in emergency situations (illness, death in the family, etc.). If an exam is missed, I should be notified within 24 hours (unless you are locked up or in a coma) of the exam's scheduled time in order to discuss the makeup exam.

Participation

Participation in class discussion is required. You cannot participate if you are not in class. Your class participation grade is worth 40 points. There are 25 non-exam class days. On at least 20 occasions, you should turn in an index card to me at the end of class that includes your name and how you contributed to that day's class discussion.

Grading Scale

390-400 A+	346-357 B+	306-317 C+	266-277 D+	237 and below F
370-389 A	330-345 B	290-305 C	250-265 D	
358-369 A-	318-329 B-	278-289 C-	238-249 D-	

If you are not achieving your desired grade in the course after Exam One, **DO NOT** wait to come and discuss the situation. If you wait until finals week to talk to me, it is too late to turn your grade around.

Schedule

August 21: Class Introduction and Chapter 1

August 23: Chapter 1

August 28: Chapter 2

August 30: Chapter 2

September 4: Chapter 3

September 6: Chapter 3

September 11: Chapter 4

September 13: Chapter 4

September 18: Chapter 4

September 20: Review

September 25: Exam One

September 27: Chapter 5

October 2: Chapter 5

October 4: Fall Break

October 9: Chapter 6

October 11: Chapter 6

October 16: Chapter 7

October 18: Chapter 7

October 23: Review

October 25 Exam Two

October 30: Chapter 8

November 1: Chapter 8

November 6: Chapter 9

November 8: Chapter 9

November 13: Chapter 11

November 15: Chapter 11

November 20: Review

November 22: Thanksgiving Break

November 27: Flint Water Crisis

November 29: Flint Water Crisis

December 6: Exam Three 12:30-2:30