

# LA FOLLETTE SCHOOL OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS (PUB AFFR)

## PUB AFFR 200 – CONTEMPORARY PUBLIC POLICY ISSUES

3 credits.

Offers a general primer on large-scale policies directed by US federal and state governments, with specific examples in pressing policy areas. The class does not intend to do certain things, such as consider rationales for government intervention, or explain different stages of the policy process. Other classes in political science and economics perform such tasks well. Instead, it takes existing policies and the policy process as a given, explains them in detail, and puts a policy focus on very specific contemporary questions of concern to policymakers. A student of this class will gain a broad overall knowledge of how the majority of state and federal funding is spent and the policy outcomes associated with that spending. Enroll Info: None

**Requisites:** None

**Course Designation:** Breadth - Social Science

Level - Elementary

L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S

**Repeatable for Credit:** No

**Last Taught:** Spring 2021

## PUB AFFR 201 – INTRODUCTION TO HEALTH POLICY IN THE UNITED STATES

3 credits.

Offers an introduction to health policy in the United States. Examines the ways in which government plays a role in the provision and regulation of health care. Explores key aspects of health policy including the economics of health care (e.g., paying for and access to health care; the health care workforce; the role of markets and consequences of market/government failures, public policy that supports or promotes health; health care outcomes, quality, and disparities; and tools for evaluation) and special topics of interest such as policy addressing risky health behaviors, aging, mental health, and the Affordable Care Act. Think critically about public and private health issues using the policy analysis process, including policy interventions and their justifications, and gain skills in articulating and communicating policy positions. Enroll Info: None

**Requisites:** None

**Course Designation:** Breadth - Social Science

Level - Elementary

L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S

**Repeatable for Credit:** No

**Last Taught:** Spring 2021

## PUB AFFR 240 – EVIDENCE-BASED POLICY MAKING

3 credits.

Facilitates skill-building to answer questions such as how policymakers use research and evidence in their jobs, how researchers can make their work useful to policymakers, and how legislative support staff and other stakeholders use research and evidence to shape policy. Students will explore the definition of "evidence-based", learn about different kinds of evidence and how it is used, and learn strategies for judging the rigor of research evidence. They will also explore the difference between an education-based approach to working with policymakers versus an advocacy-based approach, learn strategies for communicating research to policy makers (including written and oral presentations and data visualizations), research examples of successful evidence-based policymaking efforts, and understand the limits of using research in policymaking. Enroll Info: None

**Requisites:** None

**Course Designation:** Breadth - Social Science

Level - Elementary

L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S

**Repeatable for Credit:** No

**Last Taught:** Spring 2021

## PUB AFFR 274 – TOPICS IN PUBLIC POLICY

3 credits.

Intensive study of selected topics in public policy. Enroll Info: None

**Requisites:** Sophomore standing

**Course Designation:** Level - Intermediate

L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S

**Repeatable for Credit:** Yes, unlimited number of completions

**Last Taught:** Spring 2021

## PUB AFFR 278 – PUBLIC LEADERSHIP

3 credits.

Leadership is one of the most important but perplexing topics in the public sector; almost all agree its important, but we often disagree about what it actually means, or how to study it. This course aims to demystify the role of leadership in a public setting. We will draw on research from public management, psychology and organization studies to help students how leadership manifests itself in the public sector. This means understanding how to set goals, the motivation of those around you, how to engage and negotiate with stakeholders, managing change, making decisions, and exhibiting ethical behavior. The class will mix research with practical examples. The class starts with the assumption that while there are some general traits relevant across public, private and non-profit sectors, the nature of these sectors is different, and this affects how these traits function in practice. Enroll Info: None

**Requisites:** None

**Course Designation:** Breadth - Social Science

Level - Elementary

L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S

**Repeatable for Credit:** No

**Last Taught:** Spring 2020

**PUB AFFR 281 – DISCOVERING WHAT WORKS IN HEALTH POLICY**

3 credits.

Introduces the key conceptual and methodological tools used in public program evaluation, with an emphasis on understanding the forces that shape health and disease as well as various policy solutions. Introduces the Potential Outcomes Framework, also known as the Rubin Causal Model. Establishes the distinction between causation from correlation using counterfactual thinking. Explores a wide variety of experimental and quasi-experimental research methods used to estimate causal effects, including randomized experiments, regression, matching, instrumental variables, fixed effects, regression discontinuity, difference-in-differences, and synthetic control. Many of the causal inference methods that we discuss require statistical and computational training in order to implement. Focuses on the nontechnical conceptual, theoretical, and intuitive underpinnings of these methods that are most salient to policymakers. Enroll Info: None

**Requisites:** None**Course Designation:** Breadth - Social Science  
Level - Elementary

L&amp;S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&amp;S

**Repeatable for Credit:** No**Last Taught:** Spring 2021**PUB AFFR 299 – DIRECTED STUDY**

1-3 credits.

Program of study devised by a student in collaboration with an instructor. Enroll Info: None

**Requisites:** Consent of instructor**Course Designation:** Level - Intermediate

L&amp;S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&amp;S

**Repeatable for Credit:** Yes, for 3 number of completions**PUB AFFR 327 – ADMINISTRATIVE INTERNSHIP**

3 credits.

Provides students with opportunities for learning and working in organizations that integrate knowledge and theory learned in the classroom with practical application and skills development in a professional setting. Gain valuable applied experience and make professional connections in the field of public policy, apply concepts and practice problem solving-skills learned during the Certificate in Public Policy experience, build a network of contacts, and explore possible career choices. Engage with a wide range of people about their jobs, views, backgrounds, and experiences. Encourages students engage in active reflection on this experience and self-assessment through written assignments, reflections, and readings to help students make the most of their internships. Enroll Info: Students must be registered for this course during the term in which the internship takes place (no credit can be given for past work experience). The internship may be in the public, non-profit, or for-profit sectors that relate to public service and may be paid or unpaid.

**Requisites:** Declared in the Public Policy Certificate and (PUB AFFR 200 or POLI SCI 272)**Course Designation:** Level - Intermediate

L&amp;S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&amp;S

Workplace - Workplace Experience Course

**Repeatable for Credit:** No**PUB AFFR 380 – ANALYTIC TOOLS FOR PUBLIC POLICY**

3 credits.

An introduction to the role of policy analysis and the analytical concepts and tools that are used in the practice. Introduction to policy analysis, rationales for public policy, tools for framing policy problems, and the application of key concepts and methods from economics. Then apply these concepts and tools through guided hands-on data exercises, interpreting and generating relevant informational graphics, producing a policy memo, and presenting results to technical policy problems and solutions. Enroll Info: None

**Requisites:** Sophomore standing**Course Designation:** Breadth - Social Science

Level - Intermediate

L&amp;S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&amp;S

**Repeatable for Credit:** No**Last Taught:** Spring 2021**PUB AFFR/POLI SCI 419 – ADMINISTRATIVE LAW**

3-4 credits.

Delegation of powers, elements of fair administrative procedure, judicial control over administrative determination. Enroll Info: Not open to students with credit for POLI SCI 420 prior to fall 2017

**Requisites:** Sophomore standing and (POLI SCI 104, 184, or LEGAL ST/ POLI SCI 217)**Course Designation:** Breadth - Social Science

Level - Intermediate

L&amp;S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&amp;S

**Repeatable for Credit:** No**Last Taught:** Fall 2019**PUB AFFR 520 – INEQUALITY, RACE AND PUBLIC POLICY**

3 credits.

Explore the impact of public policies and programs on the distribution of income, wealth and opportunity in the United States. Examines inequalities across various social dimensions with a focus on disparities across racial and ethnic groups. It will begin with an introduction to key concepts in the measurement of inequality and poverty and an overview of recent trends. We will systematically examine how public policy shapes inequality across a range of topical areas including labor markets, education, taxation, health, housing and criminal justice. Enroll Info: None

**Requisites:** Sophomore standing**Course Designation:** Ethnic St - Counts toward Ethnic Studies requirement

Breadth - Social Science

Level - Intermediate

L&amp;S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&amp;S

**Repeatable for Credit:** No**Last Taught:** Spring 2021

**PUB AFFR 523 – POLICY, PRIVACY, AND PERSONAL IDENTITY IN THE POSTGENOMICS ERA**

3 credits.

Social genomics integrates theories and methods in the genomic, social, and population health sciences to answer questions relevant to public health and social well-being. Research topics in social genomics and their implications for social and public policy are covered in this course. Key concepts in human genetics, population genetics, and statistical genetics are introduced, as well as historical and contemporary policy debates surrounding scientific advances in genomics. Fundamental questions include social repercussions of genomics research, the rationale for government intervention, and how to approach policy analysis in an era where the genomic revolution is changing how we think about privacy and personal identity. Enroll Info: None

**Requisites:** Junior standing**Course Designation:** Breadth - Social Science

Level - Advanced

L&amp;S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&amp;S

**Repeatable for Credit:** No**Last Taught:** Spring 2021**PUB AFFR/ECON/POP HLTH 548 – THE ECONOMICS OF HEALTH CARE**

3-4 credits.

Analysis of the health care industry. Markets for hospitals and physicians' care, markets for health manpower, and the role of health insurance.

Enroll Info: None

**Requisites:** ECON 301, ECON 311, or PUB AFFR 880**Course Designation:** Breadth - Social Science

Level - Intermediate

L&amp;S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&amp;S

Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement

Sustain - Sustainability

**Repeatable for Credit:** No**Last Taught:** Spring 2021**PUB AFFR/CIV ENGR 694 – MANAGEMENT OF CIVIL INFRASTRUCTURE SYSTEMS**

3 credits.

Comprehensive systems approach to civil infrastructure and asset management with emphasis on transportation facilities. Social, political, economic factors that influence transportation planning, design, construction, maintenance and operation. Needs assessment, information management, performance measurement, life cycle cost and benefits analysis, prioritization and optimization, budgeting and finance.

Enroll Info: Grad st or cons inst, CIV ENGR 494 or equiv

**Requisites:** None**Course Designation:** Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement**Repeatable for Credit:** No**Last Taught:** Spring 2019**PUB AFFR/HISTORY/POLI SCI 724 – THE POLITICS OF PERSUASION: SOFT POWER IN EUROPE AND THE U.S.**

1-3 credits.

How powerful is non-military power? What are its vectors and its limits? International relations theorists have defined soft power as "the ability to get what you want through attraction rather than coercion." This graduate seminar will put this notion to the test. We will investigate how elites, interest groups, religious bodies, and nation-states seek to exercise hegemony in the international order through non-violent means. How was "soft power" implemented on the ground in the 20th century- and how did its use transform international relations? To probe these questions, we will focus on a series of case studies in European and U.S. international history. Topics covered include the expansion of capitalism and consumer culture; the globalization of international legal instruments and human rights claims; and de-secularization, religious radicalism, and counter-insurgency. In the process of analyzing our case studies, we will refine our analytical vocabulary. Drawing on recent work in international relations, political theory, and international history, we will probe the meaning and utility of concepts like normative power, hegemony, cultural capital, and public diplomacy. Enroll Info: None

**Requisites:** Graduate/professional standing**Course Designation:** Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement**Repeatable for Credit:** No**Last Taught:** Spring 2016**PUB AFFR/ECON/URB R PL 734 – REGIONAL ECONOMIC PROBLEM ANALYSIS**

3 credits.

Examination of major theories of regional economic development, with special emphasis upon the evolution and amelioration of regional economic problems. Selected techniques of regional analysis, including economic base multipliers, input/output models, and shift-share analysis are used in the context of setting regional development goals. Enroll Info: None

**Requisites:** Graduate/professional standing**Course Designation:** Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement**Repeatable for Credit:** No**Last Taught:** Spring 2021**PUB AFFR/ED POL/ELPA 765 – ISSUES IN EDUCATIONAL POLICY ANALYSIS**

3 credits.

Theory, research, and practical experience in educational policy analysis, including the social construction of policy problems in education; the design, implementation, and evaluation of policy responses; and the practical and ethical dilemmas of the policy analyst. Enroll Info: None

**Requisites:** Graduate/professional standing**Course Designation:** Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement**Repeatable for Credit:** No**Last Taught:** Spring 2019

**PUB AFFR/ED POL/ELPA 795 – ECONOMICS OF EDUCATION**

3 credits.

Shows how basic economic concepts are applied to the study of education policy and what economic research has concluded about the efficiency of various types of education systems. Enroll Info: None

**Requisites:** Graduate/professional standing

**Course Designation:** Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement

**Repeatable for Credit:** No

**Last Taught:** Fall 2011

**PUB AFFR 799 – INDEPENDENT READING**

1-3 credits.

Enroll Info: None

**Requisites:** Consent of instructor

**Course Designation:** Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement

**Repeatable for Credit:** Yes, unlimited number of completions

**Last Taught:** Spring 2021

**PUB AFFR 800 – PUBLIC AFFAIRS PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOP**

1 credit.

This public affairs career development seminar includes sessions on professional writing, presentations, and job search skills training for students interested in finding jobs. A significant element of the seminar will be presentations from practitioners from the public, private and non-profit sectors. Enroll Info: La Follette student

**Requisites:** Graduate/professional standing

**Course Designation:** Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement

**Repeatable for Credit:** No

**Last Taught:** Fall 2020

**PUB AFFR 802 – PUBLIC AFFAIRS SEMINAR SERIES**

1-2 credits.

This course provides an opportunity to cross disciplinary boundaries to review and discuss the latest research by top public management, policy, and poverty scholars from on and off campus. The seminar series provides new and unpublished research on these issues as well as practitioner insight. Enroll Info: None

**Requisites:** Graduate/professional standing

**Course Designation:** Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement

**Repeatable for Credit:** Yes, unlimited number of completions

**Last Taught:** Spring 2021

**PUB AFFR/ED POL/GEN&WS 805 – GENDER ISSUES IN INTERNATIONAL EDUCATIONAL POLICY**

3 credits.

Exploration and analysis of recent debates related to gender issues in international educational policy, including the intersection of education and demographic processes, the play of history and culture, and the social construction of gender. Enroll Info: None

**Requisites:** Graduate/professional standing

**Course Designation:** Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement

Sustain - Sustainability

**Repeatable for Credit:** No

**Last Taught:** Spring 2018

**PUB AFFR/ENVIR ST/URB R PL 809 – INTRODUCTION TO ENERGY ANALYSIS AND POLICY**

3 credits.

Interdisciplinary seminar for the Energy Analysis and Policy Curriculum. Strategy and policy problems in energy policy, both national and international. Enroll Info: Grad st admission to Energy Anal and Policy curric or cons inst

**Requisites:** Graduate/professional standing

**Course Designation:** Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement

Sustain - Sustainability

**Repeatable for Credit:** Yes, unlimited number of completions

**Last Taught:** Fall 2020

**PUB AFFR/ENVIR ST/URB R PL 810 – ENERGY ANALYSIS SEMINAR**

1-3 credits.

Interdisciplinary seminar for the Energy Analysis and Policy Curriculum. Quantitative energy content and energy flows as an aid to problem analysis and policy formulation. Enroll Info: Grad st admission to Energy Anal and Policy Curric or cons inst

**Requisites:** Graduate/professional standing

**Course Designation:** Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement

Sustain - Sustainability

**Repeatable for Credit:** Yes, unlimited number of completions

**Last Taught:** Spring 2021

**PUB AFFR 818 – INTRODUCTION TO STATISTICAL METHODS FOR PUBLIC POLICY ANALYSIS**

3 credits.

This course provides an introduction to the statistical methods used in public policy. The course will cover the basics of probability, statistics, and quantitative methods in public policy analysis. The course stresses interpretation and presentation of data as well as theory. Enroll Info: None

**Requisites:** Graduate/professional standing

**Course Designation:** Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement

**Repeatable for Credit:** No

**Last Taught:** Fall 2020

**PUB AFFR 819 – ADVANCED STATISTICAL METHODS FOR PUBLIC POLICY ANALYSIS**

3 credits.

A review of intermediate statistics, and an introduction to analytical, quantitative and computer techniques applicable to the analysis of public policy. Enroll Info: Grad st PUB AFFR 818 or equiv, or cons inst

**Requisites:** Graduate/professional standing**Course Designation:** Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement**Repeatable for Credit:** No**Last Taught:** Spring 2021**PUB AFFR 820 – COMMUNITY ECONOMIC ANALYSIS**

3 credits.

Economic theory (location and growth) applicable to community economic development; the role of private and public sector in local economic development, and techniques for economic analysis of community. Enroll Info: ECON 301 or equiv

**Requisites:** Graduate/professional standing**Course Designation:** Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement**Repeatable for Credit:** No**Last Taught:** Spring 2021**PUB AFFR 827 – ADMINISTRATIVE INTERNSHIP**

1-3 credits.

Enroll Info: Grad st in LaFollette School cons inst. Cr for placements in policy related positions in public private agencies with school's Career Devel Coordinator Assoc Dir

**Requisites:** Declared in Master of Public Affairs program and URB R PL/ POLI SCI/PUB AFFR 878**Course Designation:** Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement**Repeatable for Credit:** No**Last Taught:** Spring 2021**PUB AFFR/ED POL/ELPA 830 – SCHOOL FINANCE AND RESOURCE ALLOCATION**

3 credits.

Contemporary bases for collecting and distributing local, state, and federal funds for elementary and secondary education; problems and issues in financial support of education; current, alternative and more effective uses of educational resources. Enroll Info: None

**Requisites:** Graduate/professional standing**Course Designation:** Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement**Repeatable for Credit:** No**Last Taught:** Fall 2016**PUB AFFR 850 – INTERNATIONAL GOVERNANCE**

3 credits.

Examines influences arising from international environment on policy makers and those seeking to influence policymaking. Considers role of global economic forces, international and regional organizations, international civil society reflected in non-governmental organizations, and flow of policies across borders. Enroll Info: None

**Requisites:** Graduate/professional standing**Course Designation:** Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement**Repeatable for Credit:** No**Last Taught:** Spring 2021**PUB AFFR 854 – MACROECONOMIC POLICY AND INTERNATIONAL FINANCIAL REGULATION**

3 credits.

An introduction to international macroeconomic and financial policies with an emphasis on the interaction between domestic policies, and international financial markets, regulations and institutions. Enroll Info: Grad st 1 crse in microecon macroecon, or cons inst

**Requisites:** Graduate/professional standing**Course Designation:** Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement**Repeatable for Credit:** No**Last Taught:** Spring 2021**PUB AFFR 856 – TRADE, COMPETITION, AND GOVERNANCE IN A GLOBAL ECONOMY**

3 credits.

Policy oriented course in international micro-economics and trade theory; including economic and institutional analysis of U.S. trade policy and the world trading system; issues covered include regional trading average; labor standards, income distribution and the environment. Enroll Info: None

**Requisites:** PUB AFFR 818 and 880**Course Designation:** Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement**Repeatable for Credit:** No**Last Taught:** Spring 2020**PUB AFFR 857 – POLITICAL ECONOMY OF CORRUPTION AND GOOD GOVERNANCE**

3 credits.

Surveys wide range of multidisciplinary research on causes and consequences of widespread corruption and experiences of anticorruption reform strategies, with focus on developing countries. Considers role of international organizations, multinational companies, and regional agreements in building good governance globally. Enroll Info: None

**Requisites:** Graduate/professional standing**Course Designation:** Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement**Repeatable for Credit:** No**Last Taught:** Spring 2015

**PUB AFFR 860 – WORKSHOP IN INTERNATIONAL PUBLIC AFFAIRS**

3 credits.

Workshop in program evaluation and policy analysis taught through student teams working on real-world international issues for agencies in the public, private, and non-profit sectors. Teaches analytical skills, report preparation and writing, and presentation of results. Enroll Info: La Follette st PUB AFFR 850

**Requisites:** Graduate/professional standing

**Course Designation:** Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement

**Repeatable for Credit:** No

**Last Taught:** Spring 2021

**PUB AFFR 864 – HEALTH POLICY AND POLICY DESIGN**

3 credits.

A survey course on health care policy in the United States, including examination of the design of health policy and the politics of health care reform. Enroll Info: None

**Requisites:** Graduate/professional standing

**Course Designation:** Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement

**Repeatable for Credit:** No

**Last Taught:** Spring 2019

**PUB AFFR/ENVR ST/POLI SCI 866 – GLOBAL ENVIRONMENTAL GOVERNANCE**

3 credits.

In-depth examination of the political and policy challenges posed by global environmental degradation. Analysis of international institutions for managing the global environment. Enroll Info: None

**Requisites:** Graduate/professional standing

**Course Designation:** Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement

Sustain - Sustainability

**Repeatable for Credit:** No

**Last Taught:** Spring 2021

**PUB AFFR 869 – WORKSHOP IN PUBLIC AFFAIRS**

3 credits.

Workshop in program and policy analysis taught through student teams working on real problems for public agencies and organizations; teaches analytical skills, report preparation and writing; and presentations of results. Enroll Info: La Follette st PUB AFFR 873

**Requisites:** Enrollment limited to Graduate Students who have completed Public Affairs 880 and Public Affairs 818

**Course Designation:** Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement

**Repeatable for Credit:** No

**Last Taught:** Spring 2021

**PUB AFFR/POLI SCI 871 – PUBLIC PROGRAM EVALUATION**

3 credits.

Compares the conceptual, statistical, and ethical issues of experimental, quasi-experimental and non-experimental designs for program evaluation. Definitions of outcomes, sample size issues, statistical biases in measuring causal effects of programs, and the reliability of findings will be emphasized using case studies selected from current public programs. Enroll Info: None

**Requisites:** PUB AFFR 818

**Course Designation:** Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement

**Repeatable for Credit:** No

**Last Taught:** Fall 2020

**PUB AFFR 873 – INTRODUCTION TO POLICY ANALYSIS**

3 credits.

This course develops skills in policy analysis in two ways. First, it sets out the conceptual foundations for understanding the role of policy analysis in democratic politics. Second, it provides training and experience in policy analysis craft. Enroll Info: La Follette st PUB AFFR/POLI SCI/URB R PL 874, or cons inst

**Requisites:** Graduate/professional standing

**Course Designation:** Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement

**Repeatable for Credit:** No

**Last Taught:** Spring 2021

**PUB AFFR/POLI SCI/URB R PL 874 – POLICY-MAKING PROCESS**

3 credits.

Examines the political, social, and economic contexts that shape and are shaped by policy making processes. Though the focus is on the US, international comparisons will be made, and students are encouraged to think about the American context through comparative and international perspectives. Familiarizes students with dominant theories and models of policymaking process and policy change, starting with the model of the policy cycle. Focuses in on key topics and issues in policy making, specifically, agenda setting, implementation, and the relationships between policymaking and democracy. Reflects on contemporary and emerging issues and dilemmas of the politics of policy making. Enroll Info: None

**Requisites:** Graduate/professional standing

**Course Designation:** Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement

**Repeatable for Credit:** No

**Last Taught:** Fall 2020

**PUB AFFR/POLI SCI 875 – PUBLIC PERSONNEL ADMINISTRATION**

3 credits.

Analysis of personnel policies and practices in the public sector and examination of patterns of interaction between political executives, personnel professionals, public employees, and interest groups in the development of personnel policies. Compares problems and approaches of different countries as well as those of the various levels of government in the United States. Enroll Info: None

**Requisites:** Graduate/professional standing

**Course Designation:** Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement

**Repeatable for Credit:** No

**Last Taught:** Fall 2015

**PUB AFFR/POLI SCI/URB R PL 878 – PUBLIC MANAGEMENT**

3 credits.

Role of administration in American government; problems of organization, bureaucracy and control; public policy as the output of the administrative process. Enroll Info: None

**Requisites:** Graduate/professional standing**Course Designation:** Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement**Repeatable for Credit:** No**Last Taught:** Spring 2021**PUB AFFR 880 – MICROECONOMIC POLICY ANALYSIS**

3 credits.

The tools and techniques used in the economic approach to policy analysis. Emphasis is on applying these methodological tools to evaluating existing public policies and policy alternatives, as well as providing a deeper understanding of how the economy operates. Enroll Info: Grad st 2 econ crses, including microeconomics

**Requisites:** Graduate/professional standing**Course Designation:** Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement**Repeatable for Credit:** No**Last Taught:** Fall 2020**PUB AFFR/A A E/ENVIR ST/POP HLTH 881 – BENEFIT-COST ANALYSIS**

3 credits.

Presents the welfare economics underpinnings for evaluating the social benefits and costs of government activities. Issues such as uncertainty, the social discount rate, and welfare weights will be discussed; case studies from the environmental, social policy, and agricultural areas will be studied. Enroll Info: None

**Requisites:** Graduate/professional standing and (PUB AFFR 818 and 880), or POP HLTH/I SY E 875, or A A E 635**Course Designation:** Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement**Repeatable for Credit:** No**Last Taught:** Fall 2020**PUB AFFR 883 – POLITICS OF POVERTY, INEQUALITY, AND SOCIAL POLICY**

3 credits.

Surveys the political forces that shape poverty, inequality, and related public policies in the United States. Builds on foundational knowledge of the policy-making process to provide graduate students with skills to understand and negotiate social politics in the United States. Enroll Info: La Follette st or cons inst

**Requisites:** Graduate/professional standing**Course Designation:** Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement**Repeatable for Credit:** No**Last Taught:** Spring 2018**PUB AFFR/POLI SCI 885 – ADVANCED PUBLIC MANAGEMENT: CRAFT, CONSTRAINTS AND ACCOUNTABILITY**

3 credits.

Examines how managers in public and not-for-profit agencies can secure and utilize legal authority, human resources, and funds to accomplish organizational goals. Includes strategies for establishing and maintaining effective external relations and for working through other organizations to accomplish objectives. Enroll Info: None

**Requisites:** URB R PL/POLI SCI/PUB AFFR 878**Course Designation:** Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement**Repeatable for Credit:** No**Last Taught:** Spring 2020**PUB AFFR/SOC WORK 887 – NONPROFIT LEADERSHIP**

3 credits.

Nonprofit leadership focuses on developing management skills for the nonprofit area through readings, case materials and structured activities. Students examine the context, issues and skills associated with leadership and management in nonprofit organizations and apply them to challenges and opportunities that confront administration of nonprofits. Enroll Info: None

**Requisites:** Declared in Social Work MSW, or Public Affairs MPA**Course Designation:** Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement**Repeatable for Credit:** No**Last Taught:** Spring 2017**PUB AFFR 888 – COMPARATIVE AND NATIONAL SOCIAL POLICY**

3 credits.

This graduate seminar provides an overview of the American system of public policy toward human resources, with an emphasis on how the American system compares with other nations' approaches to social welfare policy. Other nations include OECD nations as well as emerging middle income countries in Asia and Latin America. Social welfare policy is analyzed as three major branches: health, education and welfare. Enroll Info: PUB AFFR 880 or cons inst

**Requisites:** Graduate/professional standing**Course Designation:** Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement**Repeatable for Credit:** No**Last Taught:** Fall 2020**PUB AFFR/POLI SCI/URB R PL 890 – FEDERAL BUDGET AND TAX POLICY AND ADMINISTRATION**

3 credits.

Focuses on national budget and tax policy and administration, and the parallel processes at the state and local levels. Included are discussions of: decision-making theories; budget and tax policy; and analysis of normative and empirical criteria and analytical techniques for assessing alternative policy proposals. Enroll Info: None

**Requisites:** Graduate/professional standing**Course Designation:** Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement**Repeatable for Credit:** Yes, unlimited number of completions**Last Taught:** Spring 2018

**PUB AFFR 891 – STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT FINANCE**

3 credits.

Explores the spending and tax policies of state and local governments. Focus on factors influencing the mix and level of public spending and the choice of revenue sources. Issues to be studied include the fiscal relations between governments and property tax. Enroll Info: None

**Requisites:** PUB AFFR 880

**Course Designation:** Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement

**Repeatable for Credit:** No

**Last Taught:** Spring 2021

**PUB AFFR 892 – PUBLIC BUDGETING**

3 credits.

Provides an understanding of budget preparation, adoption and execution; proposed reforms of the budget process; and competing theories of the politics of budgeting. Focuses on the expenditure aspect of budgeting. Enroll Info: La Follette grad stdt or cons inst

**Requisites:** Graduate/professional standing

**Course Designation:** Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement

**Repeatable for Credit:** No

**Last Taught:** Spring 2021

**PUB AFFR 895 – PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT**

3 credits.

Introduces students to the concept of performance management. Explores different tools that aim to raise performance. Examines recent reforms at the federal, state, and local level and alternative theories of performance. Enroll Info: PUB AFFR/POLI SCI/URB R PL 878

**Requisites:** Graduate/professional standing

**Course Designation:** Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement

**Repeatable for Credit:** No

**Last Taught:** Fall 2017

**PUB AFFR 974 – TOPICS IN PUBLIC AFFAIRS**

3 credits.

Current issues in the formulation, implementation, and analysis of public policy. Enroll Info: None

**Requisites:** Graduate/professional standing

**Course Designation:** Grad 50% - Counts toward 50% graduate coursework requirement

**Repeatable for Credit:** Yes, unlimited number of completions

**Last Taught:** Spring 2021