



Applied Public Policy

Public policies - such as criminal and civil laws, social service programs, tax codes, environmental laws, planning and land use regulations, among others - affect our lives daily. Such policies are generated by interaction between governments and individuals.

The Applied Public Policy minor offers students the opportunity to acquire a more sophisticated understanding of the public policy process and policy analysis along with a basic set of skills needed to communicate with and perhaps influence decision makers. It is intended to complement majors in related programs such as business, geography, political science, economics, urban and regional planning, environmental studies, and others. Students who complete the Applied Public Policy minor will have the tools needed to be more active leaders in their chosen professions.

Programs

- Applied Public Policy *minor*

Career Directions

- Business
- Criminal Justice
- Environmental Policy
- Health Care
- Land Use Planning
- Social Work
- Also: Graduate Study

Preparation

Recommended High School Courses

- English
- Social Studies
- Math
- Speech
- History
- Computers
- Languages

Recommended Activities

- Reading Newspapers
- Attention to News Events

Applied Public Policy *minor*

Required Credits: 32
Required GPA: 2.00

I REQUIRED CORE COURSES

COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING COURSES:

- ECON 2000 Markets and Resource Allocation (3 credits)
- ECON 3010 Public Economics (3 credits)
- ECON 3230 Benefit/Cost Analysis (3 credits)
- GEOG 2400 Introduction to Planning (3 credits)
- POL 1200 Introduction to American Politics (3 credits)
- POL 3200 Minnesota Politics (3 credits)
- POL 3210 Public Administration (3 credits)

II REQUIRED OPTION

SELECT 12 SEMESTER CREDITS FROM ONE OF THE FOLLOWING OPTIONS:

A.ENVR POLICY:

- GEOG 3310 Land Use Analysis And Planning (3 credits)
- POL 3230 Environmental Politics (3 credits)
- SOC 3050 Environmental Sociology (3 credits)
- ECON 3040 Environmental Economics (3 credits)
or ENVR 3040 Environmental Economics (3 credits)

B. PLANNING:

- GEOG 2100 Introduction to Physical Geography (3 credits)

- GEOG 3300 Geography And Planning Of Outdoor Recreation (3 credits)
- GEOG 3310 Land Use Analysis And Planning (3 credits)
- GEOG 3320 Regional Planning Methods (3 credits)

C. AMPOL/ECON:

- ECON 2100 Macroeconomics and the Business Cycle (3 credits)
- ECON 3070 Labor Economics (3 credits)
- ECON 3200 Economics of the Financial Sector (3 credits)
- POL 3410 Legislative and Executive Relations (3 credits)
- POL 3420 Campaigns and Elections (3 credits)

D.INT/POL/ECON:

- ECON 2100 Macroeconomics and the Business Cycle (3 credits)
- ECON 3400 International Trade and Finance (3 credits)
- POL 1300 Introduction to International Relations (3 credits)
- POL 3170 International Relations (3 credits)
- POL 3180 International Law and Organization (3 credits)
- POL 3190 International Political Economy (3 credits)

- POL 3120

E. PUBLIC POLICY SERVICE LEARNING

COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING COURSE. (1 credit per semester; must be taken twice, but no more than 4 credits total)

- POL 3910 Directed Independent Study: Student Leadership (1 credit)

COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING COURSE:

- POL 3970 Internship (3 credits)

Economics Courses

ECON 1500 Historical Development of the Mixed Economy (3 credits)

Examines the origins and developments of the mixed economy, identifying its key institutions and their evolution. Differences in the historical experiences of different regions/nations are explored, as is the availability of alternative economic systems. Liberal Education Goal Area 8.

ECON 2000 Markets and Resource Allocation (3 credits)

Develops microeconomic principles to explain and evaluate markets as mechanisms to signal buyers preferences and induce suppliers' response. Considers the origin and historical development of market economies as well as theory. Liberal Education Goal Areas 5 and 9.

ECON 2100 Macroeconomics and the Business Cycle (3 credits)

Develops macroeconomic concepts to explore the determination of aggregate output, employment, and the price level in modern mixed economies. The interaction between the financial sector and commodity markets and the potential of monetary and fiscal policy to guide the course of the macro economy are also explored. Prerequisite: ECON 2000 or consent of instructor. Liberal Education Goal Area 5.

ECON 2150 Interdependence of the Hawaiian Economy and the Environment: Field Projects (1-3 credits)

Economic concepts and techniques in environmental valuation, sustainable development, and green accounting based on the report "Environmental Valuation and the Hawaiian Economy." Interconnection of the Hawaiian economy and environment through investigation of major environmental issues such as the role of forests, water quality and quantity, coral reef ecosystems, extractive activities versus eco-tourism, and invasive species. Direct observation of investment efforts toward achieving sustainability.

ECON 2925 People and the Environment - Economic Perspective (3 credits)

This course is a module linked to the interdisciplinary environmental issues course, People and the Environment. It is an integrative study of the natural, social, value-based, and citizen-action contexts for environmental awareness. The disciplinary component surveys economic approaches to and institutional settings for environmental decision making, including our behaviors as consumers and producers. Interdisciplinary perspectives are evaluated in light of different concepts of social well being, including economic efficiency, equity, and sustainability. Liberal Education Goal Area 10.

ECON 3010 Public Economics (3 credits)

Examines the rationale of public provision of selected goods and services and compares alternative tax structures in terms of their effects on the rest of the economy and their capacity for financing government expenditures. The effects of the political process on taxes and spending and selected topics in intergovernmental fiscal relations are also considered. Prerequisites: ECON 2000 and ECON 2100.

ECON 3040 Environmental Economics (3 credits)

Examines environmental problems as consequence of market's failure to accurately value environmental resources. Alternative private and public policies are examined in terms of their effectiveness in improving the efficiency and equity with which water, air and other resources are allocated. Prerequisite: ECON 2000 or consent of instructor. Also offered under ENVR 3040.

ECON 3070 Labor Economics (3 credits)

Analyzes structure and operation of labor markets as a background to exploring issues and topics related to collective bargaining and public policy. The impact of technological and institutional change on labor markets is considered. Prerequisite: ECON 2000 or consent of instructor.

ECON 3200 Economics of the Financial Sector (3 credits)

Looks at the operation of intermediaries and securities markets to allocate financial capital and price financial assets. The role of the central bank and related agencies in guiding the financial sector and influencing the macroeconomy are considered. Prerequisites: ECON 2000 and ECON 2100 or consent of instructor.

ECON 3230 Benefit/Cost Analysis (3 credits)

Develops the theoretical base of benefit/cost analysis in reviewing public investment projects and examines the application of this tool by specific agencies. Emphasis on the meaning and treatment of risk in policy analysis. Prerequisite: ECON 2000 or consent of instructor.

ECON 3400 International Trade and Finance (3 credits)

The origins and effects of trade and capital flows. The role of international financial markets in influencing trade flows and international investment. Prerequisite: ECON 2000.

ECON 3700 Current Economic Topics (1-3 credits)

Customized course providing in-depth investigation of a current issue of theory or policy. Content and credits may vary. Prerequisites: ECON 2000 and ECON 2100.

ECON 4000 Microeconomic Decisions (3 credits)

Individual decision making of households and firms. Resource allocation via market exchange in alternative market structures. Prerequisites: ECON 2000 and ECON 2300 or consent of instructor.

ECON 4100 Macroeconomic Growth and Fluctuations (3 credits)

Examines the sources of economic growth and cyclical fluctuations in a market economy, techniques for forecasting economic activity, and the potential for policy to improve performance. Prerequisites: ECON 2000 and ECON 2100 or consent of instructor.

ECON 4920 Directed Group Study: Capstone Experience I (4 credits)

Investigates advanced topics in micro and macro alternating years. Students are responsible for considerable out-of-class research and in-class presentations. Note: An appropriate internship may substitute for ECON 4920 in the major with department's permission. Prerequisites: ECON 4000 and ECON 4100, or consent of instructor.

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Environmental Studies Courses

ENVR 2000 Introduction to Environmental Science (3 credits)

An introduction to environmental science emphasizing biological, physical-chemical and cross-cultural environmental social principles underlying major world environmental, political and economic issues; examination of the impacts of human activities and technology on global environmental and socio-economic stability; application of critical thinking and working with graphic skills and lab-like data analysis related to global environmental, biological, physical-chemical, cultural, and socio-economic topics. Liberal Education Goal Areas 3 & 8.

ENVR 2150 Wilderness Ethics: Projects for Environmental Field Programs (1-3 credits)

Major schools of thought on the meaning of wilderness, its importance to modern society, and implications for responsible citizenship. Notions of wilderness and wilderness ethics advanced by major authors, past and present. Wilderness policy in the United States and recommendations for revisions to the Wilderness Act. Relation of sustainability to wilderness protection and the benefits provided to society. Experiential learning by visiting key areas that meet certain criteria for wilderness and relation of these experiences to personal values, including ethical behavior in "wilderness" settings. Liberal Education Goal Area 9.

ENVR 2925 People and the Environment - The Global Pollution Perspective (3 credits)

This course is a section of the interdisciplinary environmental issues course, People and the Environment. The focus of this course is to explore the scientific aspects of global pollution, including causes, effects, and solutions. Liberal Education Goal Area 10.

ENVR 3040 Environmental Economics (3 credits)

Examines environmental problems as consequence of market's failure to accurately value environmental resources. Alternative private and public policies are examined in terms of their effectiveness in improving the efficiency and equity with which water, air, and other resources are allocated. Prerequisite: ECON 2000 or consent of instructor. Also offered under ECON 3040.

ENVR 3300 Environmental Management and Safety (3 credits)

Helps students pursuing environmental studies to develop environmental management skills required in both manufacturing and non-manufacturing businesses. Safe handling, transport, and storage of hazardous materials with respect to their physical and chemical nature, and application of regulatory requirements relevant to specific business and hazardous materials involved. Prerequisites: CHEM 1112 or CHEM 2212 or ENVR 2000 or GEOL 1110 or consent of instructor. May not be offered every year.

ENVR 3600 Environmental Justice and Sustainability (3 credits)

The ethical and moral dimensions of environmental choices. The legal, philosophical, political, and economic underpinnings of various theories of justice. A major focus is the inequitable distribution of environmental risks and the implications of policies that attempt to combat these risks. Prerequisite: ENVR 2000 or consent of instructor.

ENVR 3840 Wetlands Ecology (3 credits)

Survey course develops a basic understanding of the terminology, classification, ecology, values, and conservation of wetlands. Covers wetland systems from around the world, with emphasis on wetlands in North America. Prerequisites: BIOL 1211 and BIOL 1212.

ENVR 3920 DGS: Seminar in Environmental Controversies (2 credits)

When taken as Environmental Controversies Seminar, the following description applies: Faculty and student presentations followed by group discussion of classic and current problems, and governmental policies/regulations. Prerequisite: ENVR 2000 or consent of instructor.

ENVR 4050 Geochemistry (3 credits)

Study of processes in the lithosphere, hydrosphere, and atmosphere; cycling of the elements; weathering; microbe-mineral interactions; nanoparticles; microscopic imaging. Prerequisites: CHEM 1112 or CHEM 2212 or ENVR 2000 or GEOL 1110 or consent of instructor.

ENVR 4101 Environmental Chemistry (3 credits)

Intensive study of biogeochemical cycles of natural and man-made pollutants including transformations, transport, fate and persistence mechanisms. Environmental effects, long-term impacts, and methods of treatment/prevention are discussed. Prerequisites: CHEM 1112 or CHEM 2212 or consent of instructor.

ENVR 4102 Environmental Chemistry II (3 credits)

Study of processes affecting behavior and fate of anthropogenic and natural compounds in the atmosphere, soils, and water. Colloidal and surface phenomena, nanoprocesses, redox reactions, speciation, solubility, and complexation. Prerequisite: ENVR/CHEM 4101; GEOL 1110; and ENVR 2000 or consent of instructor.

ENVR 4200 Wastewater Treatment (3 credits)

Introduction to the operation of the principal methods and treatment processes of municipal and industrial wastewaters, and for the disposal of treated effluent and sludges, and other solid materials. Integration of fundamental principles of science with different aspects of sanitary technology. Prerequisites: BIOL 1212, CHEM 1112 or CHEM 2212, MATH 1170, or consent of instructor. BIOL 1212 is not required for Chemistry majors.

ENVR 4210 Environmental Law and Policy (3 credits)

Overview of environmental laws, regulations, and policies. Prerequisite: Consent of instructor.

ENVR 4220 Sampling and Analysis (4 credits)

Methods of sampling and analysis of air, water, soil and other environmental compartments will be described in lecture and experienced in laboratory session. The focus is on regulations and prescribed protocols for environmental field and lab work. Prerequisites: CHEM 1112 or CHEM 2212 or ENVR 2000 or GEOL 1110 or consent of instructor.

ENVR 4230 Air Pollution Technology (4 credits)

In depth overview of sources and types of air pollution, major environmental impacts, regulations, and technologies for control and clean up. Prerequisites: CHEM 1112 or CHEM 2212 or ENVR 2000 or GEOL 1110 or consent of instructor.

ENVR 4240 Waste Management (4 credits)

An overview of the solid and hazardous waste situation at the local, state, national and international levels. The focus on management will include a systems approach to prevention, and remediation of wastes. Prerequisites: CHEM 1112 or CHEM 2212 or ENVR 2000 or GEOL 1110 or consent of instructor.

ENVR 4260 Risk Assessment and Auditing (3 credits)

Overview of human/environmental risk assessment methods and environmental auditing techniques, with a focus on regulatory compliance and case studies. Prerequisites: CHEM 1112 or CHEM 2212 or ENVR 2000 or GEOL 1110 or consent of instructor.

ENVR 4400 Environmental Microbiology (3 credits)

Fundamental aspects of microbiology as related to land production, environmental pollution and water quality control processes. The role of major groups of microbes as pollutants, as purifying agents, and as agents of biochemical changes, and ecological functions and importance of each group in the environment. Prerequisites: BIOL 1110 or BIOL 1120 or CHEM 1112 or CHEM 2212 or consent of instructor.

ENVR 4500 Environmental Toxicology (4 credits)

An overview of major environmental pollutants, their transport, fate and toxicology. Pollutant effects studied from practical and theoretical focus on stress at various levels of biological organization. Prerequisites: BIOL 1212, BIOL 2610, and CHEM 1112 or CHEM 2212, or consent of instructor.

ENVR 4920 Directed Group Study: Senior Seminar (1 credit)

A series of 2 seminars (1 credit each) will explore 1) the environmental job market and graduate school opportunities (Fall), and 2) current environmental issues/literature (Spring). Prerequisites: Senior status; Environmental Studies major, and ENVR 3920.

ENVR 4970 Internship (3 credits)

Graded Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory only. Student internships may be either full-time or part-time in a public or private agency appropriate to the degree objective. Internships consist of closely supervised periods of service that are arranged in advance of the course registration. Students should consult their advisor concerning prerequisites.

ENVR 4990 Thesis (3 credits)

A thesis written by the student that reports extensive original research carried out by the student and demonstrates appropriate methodology and scholarship.

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Geography Courses

GEOG 1224 Introduction to Map Use (3 credits)

This course is designed for the liberal education program and provides an introduction to common characteristics and use of map media. Topographic maps will be used for physical analysis as well as to discern cultural and economic features of landscapes. Thematic maps, their use and applications will be presented. Includes some study out-of-doors with map and compass. Liberal Education Goal Areas 5 & 11.

GEOG 1400 World Regional Geography (3 credits)

A survey of physical, cultural, and economic aspects of world regions. An introduction to how constituent parts of the world differ from one another in their associated resources, cultures and economics. Attention is given to the interrelationships, interdependencies, and associations that bind together the diverse communities of the world. Liberal Education Goal Areas 7 & 8.

GEOG 2100 Introduction to Physical Geography (3 credits)

This course is designed for the liberal education program and provides an introduction to spatial patterns derived from earth system processes. The course provides a systematic survey of land forms, weather and climate, soils and vegetation. This course utilizes a combination of in class discussion and laboratory-like exercises to investigate these topics. Liberal Education Goal Area 3.

GEOG 2200 Introduction to Human Geography (3 credits)

Emphasizes the study of geographical relationships and interactions of cultural, social, economic, ethnic, and political phenomena. Topical approach to population subgroups, religions, languages, urban and rural settlements, and other attributes of the cultural landscape. Liberal Education Goal Areas 7 & 8.

GEOG 2225 Aerial Photography And Remote Sensing (3 credits)

Development of understanding and skills necessary for interpreting air photos and remotely sensed images. Prerequisite: GEOG 1224.

GEOG 2231 Geographic Information Systems (3 credits)

Geographic Information Systems (GIS) enable data that traditionally exist in maps or tables to be used in a computerized environment. This allows faster, more accurate, and more complex uses to be made of the information. The course addresses functional aspects of such systems and social and policy oriented implications of this approach to geographical analysis. Practical experience provided. Prerequisite: GEOG 1224 or consent of instructor.

GEOG 2232 Techniques In Geographic Information Systems (3 credits)

A hands on approach to understanding both raster and vector based Geographic Information Systems. Prerequisites: GEOG 1224, GEOG 2231, or consent of instructor.

GEOG 2300 Economic Geography (3 credits)

Spatial structure of world economic activities; agriculture, forestry, fishing, mining, industry and trade. Liberal Education Goal Area 5.

GEOG 2400 Introduction to Planning (3 credits)

This course is designed for the liberal education program and provides information on the background and fundamentals of the community planning process. Includes discussion of contemporary issues in physical, environmental and social planning. Emphasis is on the local and subregional levels. Liberal Education Goal Areas 5 & 9.

GEOG 2500 Political Geography (3 credits)

This course utilizes "World Systems Theory" to investigate 1) theories of State formation and organization; 2) historical processes of imperialism, colonialism, and decolonization; 3) major issues of the emerging political economy; 4) historical and contemporary geopolitics; and 5) the political geography of everyday life.

GEOG 2925 People and the Environment: Geography Perspective (3 credits)

An integrative study of the natural, social, value-based, and citizen-action contexts for environmental awareness. The disciplinary component surveys geographic approaches to and institutional settings for environmental problems and decision making, including our spatial behaviors as either sources or recipients of environmental impacts. Interdisciplinary perspectives are evaluated in light of different geographic concepts of spatial distributions, physical geography, and regional planning. Liberal Education Goal Area 10.

GEOG 3100 Weather And Climate (3 credits)

Weather elements and world climatic patterns.

GEOG 3226 Cartography (3 credits)

Construction and production of maps with an emphasis on computer-generated thematic maps and graphs. Lecture 3 hours, laboratory 2 hours. Prerequisite: GEOG 1224 or consent of instructor.

GEOG 3300 Geography And Planning Of Outdoor Recreation (3 credits)

An analysis of the use, perception, and planning of recreational resources and landscape amenities, with emphasis on geographical relationships and environmental stewardship. Includes some study out-of-doors. Prerequisite: GEOG 2400 or consent of instructor.

GEOG 3310 Land Use Analysis And Planning (3 credits)

An examination of the identification and inventory methods of land use analysis including the designing of land use models which are compatible with environmental, social, and economic goals. Prerequisites: GEOG 2100, GEOG 2400, or consent of instructor.

GEOG 3320 Regional Planning Methods (3 credits)

An examination of the basic planning process, including the development of strategic and comprehensive plans, plan implementation, pertinent legislation, and sources and techniques of funding. Prerequisite: GEOG 2200 or GEOG 2225 or GEOG 2300 or consent of instructor.

GEOG 3410 Geography of North America (3 credits)

A regional analysis of the physical, demographic, economic and cultural characteristics of the nations in North America.

GEOG 3460 Teaching of Middle and Secondary School Social Studies (4 credits)

Objectives, activities, methods, and materials in teaching social studies in grades 5-12. Additional laboratory time is required. Prerequisite: ED 3110.

GEOG 3520 Site and Resource Analysis in Outdoor Recreation Planning (3 credits)

Techniques and methods in the location, analysis, evaluation, and design of sites. Emphasizes techniques and methods for planning and management of outdoor recreation. Focuses on identifying use potentials and impact limitations for outdoor recreation planning and management. Extensive out-of-doors study. Prerequisites: ENGL 2150 or ENGL 2152 or ENGL 3150 or ENGL 3177 or ENGL 3179, GEOG 3226, and GEOG 3300 or consent of instructor. (Might not be offered every year)

GEOG 3630 Conservation Biology (3 credits)

Methods and theory of conservation biology; species diversity, extinction rates, management of endangered species, and the economics of conservation strategies. Also BIOL 3630.

GEOG 3800 Regional Geography (1-3 credits)

A regional and topical analysis of the cultural and physical features of a continent or major region of the earth. May be repeated provided different regions are involved. Note: Recommended for students in international studies, foreign languages, and for prospective teachers in the humanities or social studies.

GEOG 3810 Geography of Europe (3 credits)

A regional analysis of the cultural, economic, physical and landscape patterns of the European cultural region. NOTE: Recommended for students in Euro-Spring, International Studies, foreign languages, and prospective teachers. Liberal Education Goal Area 5.

GEOG 3820 Geography Of Asia (3 credits)

A geographic analysis of the physical, economic and cultural aspects of the Asia. NOTE: Recommended for students in international studies, foreign languages, and prospective teachers. Liberal Education Goal Area 8.

GEOG 3840 Geography of Africa (3 credits)

Despite persistent bias about it, Africa's cultural complexity, social dynamism, and political/economic struggle have tremendous relevance for the study of global trends at the start of the twenty-first century. The central purpose of this course is to demonstrate that relevance by investigating the cultural, historical, economic, and political dimensions of change in Africa.

GEOG 4110 Advanced Physical Geography (3 credits)

Study of the origin and distribution of land-form assemblages with emphasis on the effects of weather and climate on morphology and hydrology. Systematic. Prerequisite: GEOG 2100 or consent of instructor.

GEOG 4120 Urban Geography (3 credits)

Functions and distribution of cities. Urban sizes, hierarchies, and external relations with the countryside. The central place and other theories of the spacing of cities. Internal structures and functions of cities, the growth of cities, urban slums, urban sprawl, and city planning. Systematic. Prerequisite: GEOG 2200 or consent of instructor.

GEOG 4190 Field Geography (3 credits)

Field studies of selected geographic problems. Prerequisite: GEOG 3226 or consent of instructor.

GEOG 4200 Quantitative Procedures In Geographic Investigation (3 credits)

Techniques of computer-aided analysis and quantitative methods related to spatial problems. Introduction to geographic source materials. Systematic. Prerequisites: GEOG 3226 or consent of instructor.

GEOG 4210 The History and Development of Geographic Thought (3 credits)

Development of the discipline of Geography with emphasis on both the historical and recent developments in the field. Includes a critical analysis of writing of representative geographers. Note: Capstone course in the B.A. and B.S., option A. Prerequisite: Senior status geography major or minor.

GEOG 4233 Advanced Geographic Information Systems (GIS) (3 credits)

Intermediate and advanced topics in geographic information science and spatial analysis using GIS software. Greater understanding of GIS theory, technology, and applications. Emphasizes software applications in producing various quantitative and thematic maps. Exercises focus on development, management, and analysis of GIS data. (Lecture/Lab) Prerequisites: GEOG 2231 and GEOG 2232.

GEOG 4910 Directed Independent Study (4 credits)

Arranged individual study.

GEOG 4970 Internship (4 credits)

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Political Science Courses

POL 1100 Understanding Politics (3 credits)

An introduction to the basic ideologies, concepts, processes and institutions of modern government and politics. Liberal Education Goal Areas 5 & 9.

POL 1200 Introduction to American Politics (3 credits)

An introductory survey to the institutions and actors, such as the media, interest groups, political parties, congress, and presidency of contemporary American government and politics. Liberal Education Goal Area 5 & 9.

POL 1300 Introduction to International Relations (3 credits)

Surveys various theories explaining the behavior of nation-states, the causes of war and peace as well as the role of multinational corporations and international organizations in international politics. Liberal Education Goal Areas 8 & 9.

POL 1400 Introduction to Comparative Politics (3 credits)

A comparative analysis of political systems and their functions in the context of unique cultures and histories. Liberal Education Goal Area 8.

POL 2925 People and the Environment: Political Science Perspective (3 credits)

An introduction to political processes and institutions involved in making environmental policy. Might not be offered every year. Liberal Education Goal Area 10.

POL 2953 Study-Travel, History and the Social and Behavioral Sciences (1-6 credits)

Study Travel course in Political Science for Lib Ed Goal Area 5.

POL 3100 American Foreign Policy (3 credits)

Traces the development of American foreign policy: its objectives, limitations, domestic and international factors influencing foreign policy. Prerequisite: POL 1300. (Might not be offered every year.)

POL 3130 Asian Political Development (3 credits)

Course investigates the unique political and economic challenges facing the countries of Asia and South Asia. Prerequisite: POL 1400. (Might not be offered every year.)

POL 3140 Canadian Politics (3 credits)

Explanation of Canada's history, political and economic systems, and regional variations within the nation-state. Special attention to political parties, ideologies, policy processes, and outcomes. (Might not be offered every year.)

POL 3150 Topics in Political Science (1-3 credits)

Course explores underlying political dimensions of topical issues. (Might not be offered every year.)

POL 3160 Comparative European Politics (3 credits)

Course includes an analysis of political structures and processes in Europe. The mechanisms of parliamentary governments, political parties, interest groups and ideologies are included. Prerequisite: POL 1400. (Might not be offered every year.)

POL 3170 International Relations (3 credits)

The study of conflict and cooperation in international relations, the foreign policies of the great powers, international organizations, and the United Nations. Prerequisite: POL 1300. (Might not be offered every year.)

POL 3180 International Law and Organization (3 credits)

Explores the role of international organizations such as the United Nations, economic alliances, international law, and regional consolidation in international politics. Prerequisite: POL 1300. (Might not be offered every year.)

POL 3190 International Political Economy (3 credits)

Analyzes how economic policy decisions are made within and between countries and the effect those decisions have on affected interests in domestic and international politics. Prerequisite: POL 1300. (Might not be offered every year.)

POL 3200 Minnesota Politics (3 credits)

Using Minnesota politics as a central focus, the role of and function of state and local governments in the context of American federalism is examined. Prerequisite: POL 1200. (Might not be offered every year.)

POL 3210 Public Administration (3 credits)

An introduction to the field of public administration. Emphasis is on the political dimensions of management in the public sector. Prerequisite: POL 1200. (Might not be offered every year.)

POL 3230 Environmental Politics (3 credits)

Surveys the dynamics of the policy process that produce our environmental policies. An analysis of actors, institutions, and organizations that shape U.S. environmental law and policy. Prerequisite: POL 1200 or consent of instructor. (Might not be offered every year.)

POL 3240 Political Analysis (3 credits)

Examines the application of political science research methodology to current questions of politics and public policy. Prerequisite: SOC 3001 or consent of instructor.

POL 3410 Legislative and Executive Relations (3 credits)

Explores the legislative process by analyzing the motives and evolving legislative styles of legislators in relation to the evolution and powers of the modern presidency and executive establishment. Prerequisite: POL 1200. (Might not be offered every year.)

POL 3420 Campaigns and Elections (3 credits)

Includes analysis of the congressional and presidential electoral process, including the role of political parties, interest groups, and the media. Prerequisite: POL 1200. (Might not be offered every year.)

POL 3910 Directed Independent Study: Student Leadership (1 credit)

Offered only to students active in the Student Senate. Open to students in Political Science major or minor programs or in the Applied Public Policy minor. Includes written components that help students articulate their leadership goals and accomplishments. Offered on an arranged course basis. May be repeated up to four times.

POL 3970 Internship (3 credits)

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POL 4100 Political Inquiry (3 credits)

Students will learn the theory and practice of quantitative political analysis through the completion of original research projects. Prerequisites: SOC 3001 and SOC 3002. May not be offered every year.

POL 4200 Constitutional Law (3 credits)

An examination of legal interpretations of the constitution regarding the separation of powers and the Bill of Rights. Prerequisite: POL 1200. (Might not be offered every year.)

POL 4500 Thesis and Career Preparation (3 credits)

This is a senior year capstone course. In a seminar format, students discuss progress on their individual research projects and develop career plans and skills. Prerequisite: POL 4100 or consent of instructor.

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Sociology Courses**SOC 1104 Society and Social Issues (3 credits)**

Examines concepts and theories that describe and explain social life. Focuses on aspects of culture, social class, race relations, and gender relations as they are determined by society, and on how humans create and recreate groups, structures, and institutions. Liberal Education Goal Area 5.

SOC 2200 Social Movements and Change (3 credits)

A social history of social movements and change. Focuses on understanding and analyzing these dynamics as generational changes and as the emergence of broader social forces driving the major movements of the past fifty years. The shift from modernity to postmodernity sets the overall theoretical framework, with an emphasis on the dynamics of race, class, gender, environment, and culture. Liberal Education Goal Area 8.

SOC 2210 American Culture: A Sociological Interpretation (3 credits)

This course traces the origins of American cultural patterns and institutions and examines contemporary elements of diversity and social change. Readings explore the mores associated with the American character, focusing on individualism while investigating how public and private life is framed. Unifying themes involve theoretical discussions regarding the degree to which the "decentered" experience of individuals in the United States today raises questions about the meaning of the very term "American culture." Liberal Education Categories 7 & 9

SOC 2220 Sociology of Marriage and Family (3 credits)

A study of the various forms of family structure, including variations that occur by social class and ethnic status. Examination of the changing forms of American families throughout history and consideration of the issues and evidence surrounding the debate over the nature of the family. The topics of gender roles, romantic love, courtship, nonmarital life styles, divorce, remarriage, and stepfamilies will also be examined from the sociological frame of reference. Liberal Education Category 5

SOC 2230 Race and Ethnic Relations (3 credits)

Study of dominant-subordinate relations with emphasis on racial and ethnic inequalities. Examination of privilege, prejudice and discrimination. Liberal Education Goal Areas 7 & 9.

SOC 2240 Men, Women, and Society: A Sociological Interpretation (3 credits)

Study of the construction of gender in society and the differential consequences of particular social arrangements on the lives of men and women. Examines gender, male and female sexuality, intimate relationships, gendered patterns of work and education, the gender of violence, and sociological theories of femininity and masculinity. Emphasizes changes in gendered social patterns in U.S. society in the 21st century and compares those changes to shifting patterns in other societies. Liberal Education Goal Areas 5 & 7.

SOC 2925 People and the Environment: Sociology Perspective (3 credits)

This course is a section of the interdisciplinary environmental issues course, People and the Environment. The focus of this course is to understand that environmental problems are both problems for society and problems of society. Students explore how sociology and its unique viewpoint add much to understanding the environment/society nexus. Liberal Education Goal Area 10.

SOC 3000 Qualitative Research Methods (3 credits)

Principles, techniques, and practices in the conduct of field research in natural social settings, focusing on participant observation, unstructured and semi-structured interviewing, use of informants, personal and public documents, content analysis, unobtrusive research techniques, interpreting narrative data, and preparation of a field research report (ethnography). Prerequisite: SOC 1104 or ANTH 1110. Also ANTH 3000.

SOC 3001 Social Statistics (3 credits)

Covers a conceptual understanding of basic descriptive and inferential statistics. Choice of statistic and interpretation of SPSS results is discussed. Prerequisite: Completion of Liberal Education mathematics requirement (Goal Area 4) or consent of instructor.

SOC 3002 Quantitative Research Methods (3 credits)

Examines the basic quantitative methods sociologists and other social scientists use to study diverse social processes and to improve our understanding of social issues. Students gain hands-on experiences developing a quantitative research project and work on various aspects of actual research projects. Prerequisite: SOC 3001 or consent of instructor.

SOC 3003 Research Methods (3 credits)

Examines the basic methods used to study diverse social processes and to improve our understanding of social issues. Topics include the relationship of theory to research, research ethics, evaluation of qualitative and quantitative research designs and patterns of analysis, and associated concerns. Prerequisite: SOC 1104.

SOC 3010 Social Theory (3 credits)

An overview of selected sociological theories and theorists considered against the background of the classical period of sociological theorizing in the nineteenth and early twentieth centuries. Emphasis on comparative understanding of the major models of society - order, pluralism, conflict, etc. - that have dominated sociological thinking in the modern period. Prerequisites: SOC 1104 or consent of instructor.

SOC 3020 Urban Sociology (3 credits)

Explores the social factors that impact the culture and politics of urban environments. Examines the history of cities and the social theories that are used to interpret urban development from modern to postmodern times. Emphasis on understanding urban enclaves, patterns of inequality, the meanings of place and space, and the impact of global economic and cultural forces on city life. Students compare and contrast current trends in U.S. development of place and community with those in other societies. Each term, students are required to travel to a U.S. metropolitan area where they engage in first-hand observations of a particular city through this sociospatial lens. Prerequisites: SOC 1104 and junior standing.

SOC 3040 Global Issues (3 credits)

Study of global and local forces that affect groups, organizations, institutions, and societies. Involves an exploration of the rise of contemporary social issues, with a particular focus on developments associated with ethnic, religious, and regional affiliations and shifting social, economic, and political alliances. Students will have a chance to explore the development of global patterns of stratification and its effects on particular groups and societies.

SOC 3050 Environmental Sociology (3 credits)

Examines the relationship between society and the environment. Emphasis on political and economic institutions and the consumer lifestyle and values. Considers how the treadmill of production affects ecosystems and discusses possible solutions to environmental problems. Prerequisites: SOC 1104 or consent of instructor.

SOC 3080 Education and Careers (3 credits)

Studies how educational institutions and individual experiences affect education and the outcomes of education. Provides students with an opportunity to explore career and civic engagement interests.

SOC 3090 Social and Ethical Issues in Health and Medicine (3 credits)

Examines social and ethical issues related to the practice of medicine. Students develop an understanding of the sociological causes of illness, the medicalization of society, and the values and assumptions of those who define and deliver medical care in society. Today people point to the fact that we are experiencing a crisis in health care in the U.S. Costs have skyrocketed, access to primary care is inequitable, infant mortality rates remain high, public accountability problems persist, and we continue to emphasize medical care over and above health care. Sociological interpretations raise questions about these issues, and point to the ways in which society continues to produce disease and illness. As these topics are explored through the sociological lens, the complex ethical dilemmas associated with medical understandings and possible alternatives that emphasize health are identified. Liberal Education Goal Area 9.

SOC 3120 Organizations in Society (3 credits)

An analysis of complex organizations in societies. Examines the rise of bureaucracy in business and government, following through to contemporary times, and contemporary shifts in form from modern to postmodern. Emphasizes the tensions, contradictions, and paradoxes found in these organizational arrangements. Other topics may include the differential experiences of workers in complex organizations. Prerequisite: SOC 1104 or consent of instructor.

SOC 3230 Social Psychology (3 credits)

An overview of theory and research in social psychology from a sociological viewpoint. Emphasizes the impact of social location on thought, behavior, and emotion. Explores patterns of interpersonal relationships and small group processes, and why humans establish certain "taken-for-granted" meaning systems and ways of being. Prerequisite: SOC 1104 or consent of instructor.

SOC 3270 Intersections of Sexuality and Gender (3 credits)

Exploration of the sexual norms associated with being male and female in Western and non-Western societies. Examines how particular forms of sexuality are privileged and the social and political implications of these hierarchies. Also examined is how the nature of race, sexuality, and gender creates hybrid identities, communities, and cultures that resist and reinforce ethnic and national boundaries.

SOC 3300 Family and Society (3 credits)

After a brief introduction to basic sociological concepts, frameworks, methods, and relevant historical materials, students examine several documents that address particular contemporary family issues. Students also learn how to evaluate the materials discussed. Liberal Education Goal Area 5.

SOC 4700 Career Preparation (3 credits)

Provides students with an opportunity to explore careers that require the substantive knowledge and skills developed through their course of study. Students identify their career interests, create resumes and cover letters, engage in mock interviews, and explore graduate school options. They are also asked to consider how they might use their sociology skills and knowledge in their future roles (as individual, employee, citizen). Prerequisites: Junior or senior standing and Sociology major.

SOC 4800 Capstone in Sociology (3 credits)

Students decide on a research question and carry out an independent project.

All-University Courses

The course numbers listed below, not always included in the semester class schedule, may be registered for by consent of the advisor, instructor, or department chair, or may be assigned by the department when warranted. Individual registration requires previous arrangement by the student and the completion of any required form or planning outline as well as any prerequisites.

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