Evans School
Graduate Courses Available in Spring 2024

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PUBPOL 599 B
Mariko Lockhart

Special Topics: Operationalizing Racial Equity in Public and Nonprofit Organizations

Course Meetings
Hybrid:
Weekend sessions 4/5-4/6 and 5/24-5/25
Wednesday evening Zoom sessions

This course is designed for students who have work experience who would like support in creating an antiracist organizational culture in a community of practice. Acknowledging that each of us brings lived experiences that contribute to the learning of the group, including the instructor, students will be encouraged to center their experience in their analyses and assignments.

PUBPOL 599 A
Dafeng Xu

Natural language processing (NLP) models like ChatGPT are rapidly changing how many citizens access information. At the same time, the public sector is evolving in important ways to use natural language processing models in public service provision decisions such as benefits determination and permit processing. This class explores what natural language processing (NLP) models are, how they are being used in delivering by public services, and the potential, limitations, and risks of using these models in the public sector.

Special Topics:
Natural Language Processing

Course Meetings
Wednesdays, 8:30am-11:20M

PUBPOL 539 A

Michael Blake

Values in International Development

Course Meetings
Mondays, 11:30am - 2:20pm

Most of us believe that there is something morally wrong with certain sorts of poverty and underdevelopment. This course is intended to begin a conversation about what sorts of reasoning we might use to understand and justify this belief. Why should we care about the lives of distant strangers? Do we have an obligation to take their interests as seriously as those of our fellow citizens, neighbors, or family members? How we answer these questions is important – both for a full understanding of our moral duties, and in our analysis of what sort of world we are seeking to create.

PUBPOL 552 A

David Suarez

Philanthropy and Society

Course Meetings
Tuesdays, 11:30am - 2:20pm

This course primarily investigates management and policy challenges in foundations of all types (family, institutional, community, public, corporate) in the United States, but some attention will be given to altruism and individual giving as well. The course also considers the history of foundations and addresses social tensions – most of which involve debates about the appropriate roles and responsibilities of those organizations.

PUBPOL 563 A

Crystal Hall

Intergroup Relations

Course Meetings
Tuesdays, 8:30am - 11:20am

This course will explore how social psychological research on intergroup relations (topics such as stereotypes, discrimination, and stereotypes) is pertinent to various aspects of public policy. The theoretical elements will include both historical and current perspectives and will provide an survey of this complex and evolving field.

PUBPOL 586 A

Tim O'Brien

Tech, Law, and Policy

Course Meetings
Tuesdays, 8:30am - 11:20am

PUBPOL 586 is a course to help you frame consideration and analysis of policy challenges stemming from advances in technology by providing a case-based learning experience that focuses on the analysis and framing of policy and legal/regulatory issues currently under debate in public and private sectors. You will learn to consider benefits and risks in the context of policy relating to algorithmic systems, AI, data privacy, and online speech protections.

PUBPOL 599 E

Cory Struthers

Special Topics:
Politics and Influence in Environmental Policy

<u>Course Meetings</u>
Thursdays, 2:30pm-5:20pm

PUBPOL 599 F

Warren Acuncius

This course looks at the evolution of humanitarian assistance and the growing humanitarian community. Topics include humanitarian principles, motivations for relief, aid delivery and logistics, global health challenges, refugees/internally displaced persons, disaster risk reduction, civil-military coordination, and the roadblocks that challenge effective humanitarian response.

Special Topics: Humanitarian Response and Disaster Relief Operations

<u>Course Meetings</u>
Mondays, 2:30pm-5:20pm

PUBPOL 537 A

Stephen Kosack

Topics in International Affairs:
Development Policy and Politics

<u>Course Meetings</u>
Thursdays, 11:30am-2:20pm

Why are some governments sometimes able to make policies that help their societies to meet pressing development challenges while other governments are not? Research in political science and related social science disciplines can help us to understand the influences and constraints that shape the policy choices governments make. In this class we will use these insights to examine the incentives and constraints that influence development policy choices from institutional forms and rules,interest groups, and international aid.

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