

Spring 2018 Course Electives and Advising Information

Core Courses

- PA 856 Trade, Competition, and Governance in a Global Economy
- PA 860 Workshop International Public Affairs
- PA 869 Workshop Public Affairs
- PA 873 Intro to Policy Analysis (MIPA students enroll in Tim Smeeding section)
- PA 878 Public Management

Electives

When looking for electives, keep in mind that for most students, public affairs electives are the best for your training and for your career paths. Syllabi or descriptions for all LF courses are on the La Follette website under Students: <http://www.lafollette.wisc.edu/degree-programs/courses>

It is common for students to take one or two courses outside of the department with the exception of certificate students, dual and double degree students who take more outside electives. The outside department courses might address a specific policy area or skill that you would like to learn about. Other outside courses will provide more depth in an area that you are interested in-such as methodology, statistical analysis and econometrics. For electives outside La Follette, you may need permission from the professor or department. Below is a list of contacts in other departments where La Follette students frequently take electives:

https://www.lafollette.wisc.edu/images/Permission_for_outside_electives.pdf

With this in mind, below is a list of La Follette electives and a list of potential electives from other departments. The electives from other departments is **not** a comprehensive list. If you have a question about whether a course will count as an elective you can forward the information to Mo O'Connor at mcoconnor@lafollette.wisc.edu and she will let you know if it will count.

Spring 2018 La Follette School of Public Affairs Electives

- PA 548 Economics of Health Care
- PA 802 Public Affairs Seminar Series
- PA 819 Advanced Statistical Analysis
- PA 856 Trade, Competition and Governance in a Global Economy
- PA 864 Health Policy and Policy Design
- PA 883 Politics of Poverty
- PA 890 Federal Budget and Tax Policy and Administration
- PA 974 International Development Policy
- PA 974 Politics of State Policy Issues
- PA 974 Aging Policy
- PA 974 MIPA elective-topic TBD

Other Department Electives

Most courses numbered 300 and above from Applied & Agricultural (AAE), Political Science, Economics, and Urban and Regional Planning are relevant electives. Do check to see that you meet the prerequisites. A La Follette student who majored in sociology as an undergrad may be able to take an upper level sociology course that relates to their policy interest and another La Follette student may not because they majored in business. If you meet the prerequisites, it is good to email the instructor and ask for a syllabus. If there is not a syllabus and the course sounds very relevant, you can go to the first class, get the syllabus, and determine whether the class meets your needs.

Language courses numbered 300 and above count for up to 6 electives (2 courses) for MIPA students. Area studies courses can be found by using the Key Word search in the class search.

Once you have gathered information about classes, this is a good time to meet with your faculty advisors to help you narrow the list.

Business

Gen Bus 765: Special Topics-Business Ethics

MHR 628: Negotiations

- Theory and practice of negotiations.

MHR 728: Bargaining Negotiating and Dispute Settlement for Managers

- Designed to improve student knowledge of the bargaining process and their negotiating skills. Students will learn about different bargaining theories and have the opportunity to apply these theories in exercises and role-playing cases.

Community & Environment Sociology

C&E Soc 375: Special Topics

- Education for Sustainable Communities
- Food Commodity Chains in a Global Economy
- Water Justice and the 21st Century

C&E Soc 533: Public Health in Rural and Urban Communities

- Sociological approaches to community, rural, and public health. Examines epidemiological evidence for and policy solutions to health issues that impact vulnerable populations in diverse geographic and social settings. Topics include mental health, environmental and occupational health, preventive care, substance abuse.

C&E Soc 541: Environmental Stewardship and Social Justice

- Application of sociological theory and analysis to environmental issues. Course examines the ways in which environmental stewardship and conflict are embedded within broader cultural, social, and political contexts.

C&E 617: Community Development

- Social, cultural and personality factors influencing community development, with reference to developing countries as well as contemporary rural communities; consideration of theoretical and operational issues.

C&E 630: Sociology of Developing Societies/Third World

- Review of problems and prospects of so-called "developing societies." Includes theory of economic/social development, political economic organizations of "developing" societies, history of colonialism/imperialism, attempts to industrialize and results of those attempts.

C&E Soc 652: Sociology of Economic Institutions

- Sociological perspectives on the organization of the firm, financial markets, and work, intermediate associations (unions, ethnic economies), the state, and the international economy. Contrast between neoclassical, traditional institutionalist, post-fordist, and neo-fordist perspectives on the nature and evolution of these institutions.

C&E 922: Seminar in Race and Ethnic Relations

- Theoretical, methodological, and current research problems.

Economics

Econ 300: Introduction to Finance

- Concepts and techniques in corporate finance and investments. Topics include the financial environment, securities markets, financial markets, financial statements and analysis, working capital management, capital budgeting, cost of capital, dividend policy, asset valuation, investments, decision making under uncertainty, mergers, options, and futures.

Econ 390: Special Topics

- Energy, Resources & Economics
- Poverty, Inequality, and Public Policy
- The Economics of Growing Up

Econ 420: Urban and Regional Economics

- Nature and structure of urban economies; location of economic activity; economic analysis in an urban framework; principles of urban economic development, housing, transportation, poverty and unemployment and municipal finance. Forecasting of economic activity using census and socioeconomic data.

Econ 450: Wages and the Labor Market

- Economic and institutional forces which determine labor supply and demand; wage theories, wages in the economy, the labor force, unemployment, wages, labor mobility, functioning of labor markets.

Econ 462 Latin American Economic Development

- A historico-institutional analysis of development problems in the principal Latin American countries, with attention to differentiation of national growth patterns and alternative development strategies.

Econ 474: Economic Problems of Developing Areas

- Analyzes aggregate growth, income distribution and poverty in lower income economies. Uses microeconomics of imperfect labor, capital and insurance markets to explore why some individuals advance economically as their economies grow and others fall behind. Considers implications of aggregate and micro analysis for national and international economic policy.

Econ 531: Natural Resource Economics

- Economic concepts and tools relating to management and use of natural resources, including pricing principles, cost-benefit analysis, equity, externalities, economic rent, renewable and nonrenewable resources, and resource policy issues.

Econ 663: Population and Society

- Social and economic determinants and consequences of contemporary and historical population trends in both developed and developing societies. Fertility, mortality, migration, population distribution, age structure, population growth.

Econ 666: Issues in International Finance

- Modern institutions, history, and controversies of international financial relations. Foreign exchange market, the Euro-currency banking system, and central bank intervention in both.

Econ 671: Energy Economics

- The method, application, and limitations of traditional economic approaches to the study of energy problems. Topics include microeconomic foundations of energy demand and supply; optimal pricing and allocation of energy resources; energy market structure, conduct, and performance; macro linkages of energy and the economy; and the economics of regulatory and other public policy approaches to the social control of energy.

Econ 751: Survey on Institutional Aspects of Labor Economics

- Taught on a modular basis: Labor Theories and Labor History; Union Political Activities; Collective Bargaining and Public Policy. For use in analysis of problems in areas of labor markets, wages and human resources.

Education Leadership and Policy Analysis

ELPA 502: Education Leadership and Policy Analysis Workshop

- Higher Education and Global Sustainability
- Law and Public Education

ELPA 840: Public School Law

- Legal aspects of public K-12 education. Legal structure; employee rights; employee discipline; curriculum; students' rights; student discipline, special education; torts; contracts, religion. Impact of federal and state constitutions, statutes, and court decisions on education.

ELPA 870 Politics of Education

- Policy development in education as a political process; community power, state and national politics in educational decision making; role of leadership and pressure groups, particularly the educational lobbies, in the shaping of educational policy at local, state, and national levels.

ELPA 940: Special Topics

- Critical Theory and Qualitative Data Analysis
- Economics of Education Policy
- Leadership Development for the Young Professional
- Organizational Leadership & Change for Equity

Education Psychology

Education Psych 827: Surveys and Other Quantitative Data Collection Strategies

- This course examines the methods and concepts of survey research methods as they are commonly used in education research. Strategies include surveys (phone, mail, electronic, in person), logs/diaries, and experience sampling instruments. Emphasis is given to self-administered surveys, including periodic surveys, since these strategies are the most common in education research.

Environmental Studies (Most classes 300 and above)

ES 367: Renewable Energy Systems

- Students will learn about the state-of-the-art in renewable energy applications including biomass for heat, electric power and liquid fuels as well as geo-energy sources such as wind, solar, and hydro power. Students will do engineering calculations of power and energy availability of renewable energy sources and learn about requirements for integrating renewable energy sources into production, distribution and end-use systems.

ES 430: Law and Environment-Historical and Contemporary Perspectives

- Explores environmental studies through a focus on law and legal history. Although its main concentration is on U.S. environmental law, the course will begin and end with broader historical and global perspectives. Topics include a survey the English, European, and early American legal approaches to land use, natural resources, and pollution through World War II as well as an examination of the development and practice of contemporary U.S. environmental law and consideration of the recent emergence of international environmental law.

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allocation of energy resources; energy market structure, conduct, and performance; macro linkages of energy and the economy; and the economics of regulatory and other public policy approaches to the social control of energy.

ES 810: Energy Analysis Seminar

- Interdisciplinary seminar for the Energy Analysis and Policy Curriculum. Quantitative energy content and energy flows as an aid to problem analysis and policy formulation.

ES 917: Public Participation for Planning and Policy Making

- Examines public participation for planning and policymaking in both urban and natural environments; considers different types of participation from agency consultation to negotiation; designing, conducting, and evaluating citizen participation are major features.

ES 978: Environmental Conservation Tools Modules-Science, Policy, and Practice Interaction

Food Science

Food Science 375: Food Systems and Climate Change

Gender and Women's Studies

Gen & WS 422: Women and Law

- Legal system, laws, and proposed legislation that have specific impact on the lives of women. Topics investigated in both the social and legal contexts.

Gen & WS 533: The Science and Politics of Reproductive Health

- Examination in depth of specific topics in the area of women's health. Critical reading of scientific literature and exploration of relevant biomedical issues in social, economic and cultural contexts.

Gen & WS 933: Feminist Political Theory

- Focuses on how specific schools of feminist thought redefine the political, spanning historical and contemporary feminist political theory.

Geography

Geog 318: Introduction to Geopolitics

- Introduction to the contemporary study of geopolitics, featuring the main concepts and research themes encountered in this field. Examine the formation of geopolitical images of the world, where these images come from, and how they have shaped our thinking and politics over time.

Geof 439: U.S. Environmental Policy and Regulation

- This course covers a broad cross-section of American environmental policy by focusing on specific statutes and policy arenas. In this course we will survey the basic elements of American environmental

policy and regulation with a particular focus on the specific people, sites and scales at which environmental decision-making happens through primary-source case material. Understanding environmental outcomes in a complex society depends on observing both the structure of regulations and the geographic and social context in which such regulations emerge. This course will maintain a dual focus on (a) the legal and regulatory aspects of environmental regulation and (b) the specific geographic and social features of actual cases in which regulations and policy are used.

Geog 475: Special Topics

- Food Systems and Climate Change
- International Migration & Health

Geog 930: Natural Capital & Ecosystem Services in Governance

- Analysis of people-nature links, including environmental issues, natural resources, and attitudes toward nature.

Geoscience

Geosci 411 Energy Resources

- Sources, availability of fuels. Energy conversion and efficiency. Consumption patterns and trends. Environmental consequences of energy production and use. Policy considerations and alternatives.

History

History 430: Law and Environment

- Explores environmental studies through a focus on law and legal history. Although its main concentration is on U.S. environmental law, the course will begin and end with broader historical and global perspectives. Topics include a survey the English, European, and early American legal approaches to land use, natural resources, and pollution through World War II as well as an examination of the development and practice of contemporary U.S. environmental law and consideration of the recent emergence of international environmental law.

History 504: Society and Healthcare in American History

- Lecture-seminar. Health care in America since the colonial period; emphasis on social developments.

History 600: Special Topics

- CIA's Covert Wars & US Foreign Policy
- Crusader States
- Gender & the 2nd World War

History 712: Education and Civil Rights Movement

- Explores the historical relationship between education and the African American freedom struggle from the early twentieth century to the present. Topics include school segregation, desegregation, and

resegregation; high school and college student activism; Black Power; civil rights protest strategies and tactics, and the role of the federal government.

History 752: Seminar in Transnational Gender History

- Themes in Gender and Women's History within a transnational context.

International Studies

Intl St 335: Globalization and Education

- Introduces students to the origins, development, and debates in the field of globalization and education (GE); explores educational experiences in settings around the world; and examines how GE studies and approaches can inform learning, teaching, and research practices.

Intl St 373L Globalization, Poverty, and Development

- Addresses the process of globalization -- trade, international capital flows, labor migration and remittances, and aid -- from the perspective of developing economies and the development process.

Intl St 401: Topics in Global Security

- Culture, Strategy, and Security
- Emerging Human Rights Issues: East & Southeast Asia

Intl St 434: The Politics of Human Rights

- Examines the origins and development of human rights in international politics. The course discusses what human rights are, international human rights movements, the international search for justice after mass crimes, and international humanitarian intervention.

Intl St 535: Women's Global Health

- This course will take a human rights approach to global women's health to provide an overview of health issues within the context of a woman's life cycle. It will pay special attention to the socio-cultural and economic factors that play a role in determining women's access to quality basic health care.

Intl St 602: Politics and Policy in the Global Economy-Rise and Fall of Liberal Democratic States

- Treatment of topics in international political economy and policy studies. Can be repeated by students but not with the same content.

Journalism

Journalism 822: Global Communication

- Readings and discussion focusing on global media issues. Topics may include news flow, cultural imperialism, representations, history and political economy, globalization trends, new technologies, mass media and nation building, communication and grassroots politics.

Journalism 829 Political Communication

- This course examines the role of communication in American politics. Topics covered include the communication of politics (e.g., communication by politics elites, effects of mass media and interpersonal communication on political attitudes) as well as the politics of communications (regulation of political communication, policy issues, etc.).

Library and Information Studies

LIS 661: Information Ethics and Policy

- Overview of modern ethical theories and how they inform information agency policies and practices; examines selected policy issues relating to information and communications; includes topics such as intellectual property, privacy, censorship, equity of access.

Law

Law 744 Administrative Law

- Role of the administrative process in society; emphasizes common powers and procedures; relationships among the legislative, judicial, executive and administrative agencies in the development of public policy.

Law 827 International Law

- Problems in private and governmental practice affected by international relations; the law applicable to questions of recognition and non-recognition of governments and nations; interpretation of treaties and other international agreements; jurisdiction of nations; effect of peace and war; formation, operation and function of various international agreements, and matters of international claims.

LAW 940: Special Topics

- Food Law
- Mental Health Law
- Privacy Law in the Info Age
- Legislation and Regulation
- Advocating for Populations

Life Science Communication

LSC Com 515: Public Information Campaigns and Programs

- Design, production and evaluation of communication programs aimed at informing and educating publics about agricultural, environment, science, health and human ecology issues.

Population Health

Pop Health 370: Introduction to Public Health-Local to Global Perspectives

- Introduces students to the principles of public health. Using local and global health problems as examples, students are introduced to epidemiology and evidence-based public health, with a focus on closing the gap between science and practice.

Pop Health 644: Global Health and Disease-3 sections

- Southeast Asia
- South America
- Africa

Pop Health 875 Cost Effectiveness Analysis in Health and Healthcare

- Basic ideas and tools of cost effectiveness analysis as applied in evaluating medical technologies. Addresses special problems and methods in assessing diagnostic technologies, including ROC analysis, and in measuring health for technology assessment. Uses "classical" and current journal literature.

Social Work

Social Work 606: Social Policy

- Analysis of policy issues as applied to such fields as poverty, discrimination, crime, physical and mental health on both national and state levels.

Social Work 664: Immigrant and Refugee Populations

Urban and Regional Planning

URPL 833: Planning and the Legal System

- An examination for students of planning of how the legal system influences community planning. Overview of the institutional framework for planning and the legal authority for tools used to create healthy and sustainable communities.

URPL 844 Housing and Public Policy

- Issues and methodological problems encountered in the production, financial, and consumption sectors of housing program design; comparisons with European and Third World country housing and public policy programs