

Spring 2017 Course Advising Information

La Follette Core Courses offered

PA 869 Workshop Public Affairs
PA 860 Workshop International Public Affairs
PA 874 Policy Making Process
PA 873 Intro to Policy Analysis (three sections, MIPA students enroll in Professor Nemet section)
PA 856 Trade, Competition and Governance (MIPA students must take at least 856 or 854. Students can take both.)

Electives

When looking for electives, keep in mind that overall, public affairs electives are the best for your training and for your career paths. As soon as they are available, syllabi or descriptions for all LF courses will be on the La Follette website under Students: <http://www.lafollette.wisc.edu/degree-programs/course-listing>.

It is common for students to take one or two courses outside of the department by the time they graduate with the exception of certificate, 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. Other outside courses will provide more depth in an area that you are interested in-such as health, education, social or environmental policy.

With this in mind, below is a list of La Follette electives and a list of potential electives from other departments that may be of interest to a public affairs student. If you have any question about whether a course will count as an elective you can forward the information to me and I will let you know. Always check the timetable before enrolling.

SPRING 2017 La Follette School of Public Affairs Electives

PA 802 Public Affairs Seminar Series
PA 819 Advanced Statistical Analysis
PA 856 Trade, Competition and Governance*
PA 866 Global Environmental Policy
PA 883 Politics of Poverty, Inequality and Social Policy
PA 887 Nonprofit Leadership
PA 891 State and Local Finance
PA 974 Contemporary Issues in International Development
PA 974 International Program Evaluation
PA 974 Education Policy and Reform

Other Department Electives

Many 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 a graduate level sociology course that relates to their policy interest. If you meet the prereqs, it is good to email the instructor and ask for a syllabus. If there is not a syllabus available and you are very 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, you may want to meet with your faculty advisors to help you narrow the list.

Outside Department Spring Electives that may be of interest for Public Affairs and International Public Affairs:

Agricultural and Applied Economics: 300 and above

AAE 642 Foundations of Development Economics

AAE 671 Energy Economics

African Studies

African 605: Cultural Geographies of Africa and Middle East

Afroamer Studies 523: Race, Amer Med and Public Health

Computer Science

Compsci 784: Foundations of Data Management

Economics-Any econ class 300 or above: There are many that may be of interest:

Econ 300 Intro 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. Prereq> So, Jr or Sr st; Econ 101 or AAE 215; Acct IS 100 or 300; Gen Bus 303 or equiv or con reg

Econ 462 Latin Amer Econ Development

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. Prereq> Sr or Grad st and intermed econ or appropriate substitute per cons inst

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. Prereq> Econ 301 and Math 211, or equiv

Econ 666 International Finance

Econ 531 Natural Resource Econ

Gender and Women's Studies

Gen&WS 611 Gender, Science and Technology

Gen&WS 535 Women's Global Health

Geography

Geog 339 Environmental Conservation

Geog 377 Intro to Geog Info Systems*

Geog 475 Food Systems Sustainability and Climate Change

Geog 982 Interdepartmental Seminar in the Latin America Area

Hist Sci 509 Dev of Public Health America

International Studies/Political Science

IS 401 Culture, Strategy and Security

IS 431 Contentious Politics

IS 602 Europe and Migration

Journalism

Journ 544 Intro to Survey Research

Journ 614 Communication and Public Opinion*

Journ 618 Mass Comm and Political Behav*

Journ 880 The Internet and Democracy

Latin American, Caribbean Studies

LACIS 982 Smr Latin American Area

Life Science Communication

LSC 880 Topics in Mass Comm: Internet and Democracy

Political Science

Political Science: Any course 300 and above

PS 948 Pol Inequalities: Measurement, Causes and Remedy

PS 948 Intro to Contentious Politics

PS 945 Smr National Security Affairs

PS 601 Topics: several available

Population Health

Pop Health 644, 3 sections: Southeast Asia, South America, Africa

Pop Health 650 Topics

Pop Hlth 785 Health Sys, Mgmt & Policy

Social Work

Soc Work 606 Social Policy

Statistics

Stat 327 Intro Data Analysis with R (also offer intermed and advanced R courses)

Sociology

C&E 565 Ethics of Modern Biotechnology (Science Policy): Study of ethical issues arising from the application of modern biotechnology to microorganisms, crops, and non-human animals. Readings cover moral theory, technology studies, political philosophy, the science used in biotechnology, and current regulations governing its use. Prereq> Jr st & cons inst

C&E 971 Migration and Migrants

Soc 544 Intro to Survey Research: Theory and practice of survey research; planning, sampling, questionnaire construction, interviewing, content analysis, machine tabulation, analysis of data; two hours lecture; two hours lab or field work. Prereq> Junior standing

Urban & Regional Planning

URPL-any course 300 or above

URPL 923 Land Problems: Private Property Rights as Human Rights*

URPL 520 Community Econ Analysis*

URPL 844 Housing and Public Policy*

Business

Finance 300 Intro to Finance

Finance 420 Inv Banking and Capital Mrkts

Gen Bus 306 Bus Analytics

Gen Bus 310 Accting&Finance non bus majors

Gen Bus 700 Managerial Communications

Gen Bus 765 Special Topics (May need permission)

MHR 611 Personnel Staffing and Evaluation

MHR 612 Labor Management Relations

MHR 628 Negotiations: Theory and practice of negotiations. Prereq> Sr st; MHR 300 or 704. Open to grad stdts

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. Prereq> MBA standing or cons inst

MHR 729 Bhv Anal Mgt Decision Making*

OTM 365 Project Management, wed 5:30-8pm

OTM 753 Healthcare Ops Mgmt

School of Human Ecology

Inter HE 650 Parent Education and Support Programs: The purposes, contexts, and implementation of parenting support and education programs are studied. Some sections may include a service learning component.

CSCS 460 Leadership and Management of Nonprofit Orgs: Survey of leadership and management roles and methods to achieve key organizational functions and enable nonprofit organizations to fulfill their role in civil society. Prereq> Junior standing

CSCS 345 Strategic Plan-Nonprofit Orgs: Study strategic planning within unique dynamics of nonprofit sector. Attention to purpose, organizational preparation, planning process and outcome, plan implementation and roles of leaders and stakeholders throughout. Prereq> Junior standing

CSCS 801 Special Topics

School of Education

Education Policy Studies and Education Leadership Courses

Ed Pol 600 Education Policy and Practice

Ed Pol 675 Intro to Comp and International Education

ELPA 831 Financing Postsec Ed

ELPA 840 Public School Law

ELPA 870 Politics of Education*

ELPA 940 Several options

ELPA 940 Introduction to comparative and international education theories, policies, topics, and methods. Includes case studies of current policy issues, which might include decentralization and governance, HIV/AIDS, neoliberalism, language, access and quality, testing and accountability, or educational borrowing and transfers. Prereq> Jr st

Ed Pol 755 Intro Qualitative Methods*

Education Leadership

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. Prereq> Grad st

Education Psych 827 Survey Quant Data Collection: 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. Prereq> Graduate standing

Environmental Studies (Most classes 300 and above)

Engineering/Environmental Science, Civ Engr 970 Colloquium in Transportation Management and Policy, Teresa Adams*: Current issues, case studies, research, and literature dealing with transportation management and policy development.

ES 401 Special Topics Sust Science, Tech, and Policy

Food Science 375 Food Systems and Climate Change

Geosci 411 Energy Resources (Possible course for Energy Certificate)

Sources, availability of fuels. Energy conversion and efficiency. Consumption patterns and trends. Environmental consequences of energy production and use. Policy considerations and alternatives. Prereq> Crse in college level math & a crse in phy sci or cons inst

ES 740 Hlth Impact of Global Env Change

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. Prereq> Graduate or professional standing

Law

Law 744 Admin 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 905 Bioethics and the Law*: Introduction to the legal, ethical and public policy dimensions of modern medicine and biomedical research. Informed consent, human experimentation, death and dying, organ transplantation, allocation of scarce resources. May cover reproductive and genetic issues in some years.

LAW 940 Special Topics: Relationship of law to current public issues. Topics reflect interests of instructor and students. See Timetable for all options.

Law 827 International Law*

Law 940 Contemporary Problems: Several options*

Law 954 Corporate Finance Law: This course presents the basics of finance for business lawyers and legal strategy surrounding the creation of debt instruments.

****courses that have been recommended by other La Follette students***