PS 6300-G01
Leadership and Management in
NonProfit
Barbara Hosto-Marti

Class time: Tu from 6:55pm - 9:35pm Class location: 328 Social Science Business (SSB)

Same as P P ADM 6300 and SOC WK 6300. Prerequisites: Graduate standing required.

Addresses the role and scope of the independent sector in the United States, as well as the leadership and management of nonprofit organizations within that sector. Topics include the economic and political scope of the independent sector, the role of volunteerism in a democratic society, and the role and scope of philanthropy. Topics in voluntary organization management and leadership include the dynamics, functions and membership structure of NPOs, especially staff-board and other volunteer relations; governance and management of NPOs; resource mobilization; and program development management and evaluation.
Summary of POL 6401/PPADM 6010

This course is an introduction to the logics of quantitative analysis used by political scientists, policy analysts, and public administrators for conducting empirical research and generating knowledge for mass publics. Students will develop a strong foundation of methodological skills to not only conduct quantitative policy research, but to critically analyze and master the underlying assumptions of “scientific” approaches that require the aggregation of data and build upon statistical inference. This class will mainly deal with survey data. Using nationally representative surveys of the U.S. electorate, students are expected to write a series of three analysis papers that culminate into a poster that addresses an empirical question of interest, perform various statistical analyses that test proposed hypotheses, and publicly display and explain statistical results and implications by the end of the semester. The course is organized into five sections: 1) Measurement Theory; 2) Logic of Comparison and Control; 3) Statistical Inference; and, 4) Synthesis and Extensions. Given course materials and fully participating in class discussions, students will reach the following objectives:

- Apply a disciplined way of reasoning to examine and understand social and political phenomena;
- Evaluate the theoretical and practical consequences of how we quantify social and political phenomena;
- Critically evaluate arguments, research, reports, and public discourse;
- Develop interesting, relevant, and testable research questions;
- Conduct and interpret basic statistical analyses;
- Gain statistical literacy; and,
- Conduct statistical analysis in STATA.
POS 6410/PPA 6000

This course will provide an introduction to policy analysis that includes both the more scientific, quantitative methods along with the more interpretive, qualitative approaches. Combining the analysis of policy outcomes with an analysis of the policy process, the seminar will stress the need for policy analysts to think as much about how decisions are made as what decisions are made. Assignments will reflect the “real world” of policy analysis, meaning the need for “quick and dirty” policy analysis, how to frame policy issues, the importance of language, and how to write for a lay audience. Students will choose a policy domain and write three papers applying concepts in the course to their area of interest: an issue-framing paper, an op-ed article, and a final policy analysis paper. There will also be a mid-term exam.
PS6404: Multi-Method Research Designs – Social Scientific Approaches to the Study of Inequality

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Course Description

This course offers students the opportunity to explore the history, approaches, findings, and controversies in social science research on inequalities in American politics. The class is designed to introduce students to a range of theoretical and methodological approaches from several social science disciplines. The goals are to critically analyze how mainstream frameworks in political science — particularly American politics — conceptualize inequality and understand the public policies and institutions that structure inequalities. While attention will be given to approaches from many fields, the course emphasizes work in political science, social psychology, and sociology. Similarly, while some attention will be paid to research on countries other than the U.S., the majority of the course readings address issues related to American politics. In addition to covering contemporary issues and debates, we will also examine the historical development of research and theory in the study of race, gender, and other forms of marginalization. Students should emerge from the course with a richer and more critical understanding of social science research on racial, gender, economic, and other inequalities, as well as with tools that they can apply to their own work.
PS 6449-G01
Human Resources in the Public Sector
Yuguo Liao

Class time: Mo from 6:55pm - 9:35pm
Class location: 201 Social Science Business (SSB)

Same As SW6449 & PPA 6490
Prerequisites: PPA 6600 or consent of Instructor.

This course exposes students to selected themes and topics that prove pivotal in public personnel decisions and processes. Major topics examined in this master-level seminar include ethical considerations of public personnel management, recruitment and selection, position analysis and evaluation, employee training, performance appraisal and compensation.
PS 6482 - G01
International Political Economy
Kenneth Thomas

100% Online

Prerequisite: Graduate standing.

This course will examine the theoretical and policy issues of international political economy. In particular, it will focus on the politics of international trade, finance and investment. It will also analyze the themes of interdependence, hegemony, and dependency, as well as consider relations between developed and developing countries. Finally, the relative usefulness of liberal, Realist and Marxist approaches to the study of international political economy will be weighed.