

MPA 260. Public Policy Administration

Prerequisites: MPA 120G, MPA 200, MPA 210, MPA 240. A study of policy initiation, formulation, and implementation and a public manager's role in them; management processes and functions in the policy process; policy justification and advocacy, policy analysis, and implementation evaluation.

Units: 3

MPA 280T. Topics in Public Administration

Selected topics meeting student needs and interests that are not met in other university courses.

Units: 3, Repeatable up to 6 units

MPA 280T. Labor & Management Relations

Explores the history and development of unions in the U.S. public sector, theory of negotiation and the collective bargaining process, contemporary issues such as privatization and the future of unions as a way to organize the labor movement.

Units: 3

MPA 280T. Nonprofit Management and Leadership

This course includes the following components: (1) Brief introduction to the social, political, and historical context of nonprofit organizations; (2) Examine important organizational systems and practices, which include finances, human resources, strategic planning, and contracting out/outourcing; (3) Leadership/management practices and board governance; (4) Concept of accountability; (5) Use of performance measurement and program evaluation; and (6) The practice of collaboration and how it is impacting nonprofit organizations.

Units: 3, Repeatable up to 6 units

MPA 287. Internship in Public Administration

Supervised work experience for a realistic exposure to an organizational-bureaucratic environment for students in the M.P.A. program who lack significant work experience in a public or nonprofit organization. CR/Nc grading only.

Units: 3

MPA 289T. Issues in Education Policy

The Bush Administration's "No Child Left Behind" policy has created widespread controversy between educators and policy makers. This has resulted in confusion in the implementation of this policy. This seminar explores the implications this policy has for a "shift in power" between educators and policy makers in the arena of educational policy.

Units: 1, Repeatable up to 6 units

MPA 289T. Issues in State and Local Government

Graduate level seminar examines democracy in California and its history. Secondly, examine K-12 education and transition from Revenue Limit to LCFF. Students will analyze public

budgets, audit, and present findings; resulting in practical knowledge of public budgeting and auditing.

Units: 1, Repeatable up to 6 units

MPA 289T. Issues in Public Budget

The course will begin with a brief introduction of public budgeting at the City of Fresno. We will build a foundation to understand the City's current budget components by reviewing the Fiscal Year 2014 Adopted Budget. Next we will identify macro budgetary challenges faced by the City. This course will then discuss the role and responsibilities of a Budget Analyst among the common challenges faced under this position. Finally, we will perform a decision support assignment as a Budget Analyst. We will cover the steps to reviewing and costing a Memorandum of Understanding salary contracts.

Units: 1, Repeatable up to 6 units

MPA 290. Independent Study

See Academic Placement --Independent Study. Approved for RP grading.

Units: 1-4

MPA 299. Thesis

Prerequisite: See Criteria for Thesis and Project. Preparation, completion, and submission of an acceptable thesis for the Master's degree. Approved for RP grading.

Units: 3

MPA 299C. Thesis Continuation

Pre-requisite: MPA 299 Thesis. For continuous enrollment while completing the thesis. May enroll twice with department approval. Additional enrollments must be approved by the Dean of Graduate Studies.

Units: 0

PLSI 1. Modern Politics

Prerequisite: G.E. Foundation A2. Introduction to the study of democratic and authoritarian political systems; evaluation of the historical, cultural, and economic contexts of modern politics around the world; institutional structures and functions; political ideologies; individual and group participation in the political process; current issues. G.E. Breadth D3.

Units: 3

Course Typically Offered: Fall, SpringGE Area: D3

PLSI 2. American Government and Institutions

Prerequisite: G.E. Foundation A2. Meets the United States Constitution requirement and the federal, California state, and local government requirement. Not open to students with credit in PLSI 101. The development and operation of government in the United States; study of how ideas, institutions, laws, and people have constructed and maintained a political order in America. Not available for CR/NC grading. G.E. Breadth D2. (CAN GOVT 2)