Spring 2016 Course Advising Information

Core Courses

PA 869 Workshop Public Affairs
PA 860 Workshop International Public Affairs
PA 874 Policy Making Process
PA 873 Intro to Policy Analysis (two sections, MPA students choose between both sections and MIPA students enroll in Emilia Tjernstrom section)
PA 856 Trade, Competition and Governance

Electives

When looking for electives, keep in mind that overall, 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/course-listing.

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.

With this in mind, below is a list of La Follette electives and a list of potential electives from other departments. 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.

SPRING 2016 La Follette School of Public Affairs Electives

PA 548 Economics of Health Care
PA 724 Soft Power in Europe and US
PA 802 Public Affairs Seminar Series
PA 819 Advanced Statistical Analysis
PA 856 Trade, Competition and Governance
PA 864 Health Policy and Policy Design
PA 887 Nonprofit Leadership
PA 890 Federal Budget, Tax, and Admin
PA 895 Performance Management
PA 974 International Development Case Studies
PA 974 International Development Policy
PA 974 Education Policy

Other Department Electives

General Information

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 prereqs, 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.

Outside Department Spring Electives (Not a comprehensive list.)

Business

Gen Bus 365 Business Analytics (May need permission)
Gen Bus 765 Special Topics (May need permission)

Bus Ethics
Managerial Communication
Values Based Leadership

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

Community & Environment Sociology

C&E Soc 540

Sociological analysis of relationships among economic growth, environmental sustainability and social justice in the developing world. Considers frameworks for understanding poverty, hunger, educational and technological inequality, and the impact of globalization on prospects for socially and ecologically sustainable development. Prereq> Intro Soc course (Soc 140, 181, 210, or 211)

C&E 573 Community Organization and Change

Examines theories of community change and different models of community organizing.

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. Prereq> Junior standing

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

Computer Science
Comp Sci 368 Intro to R

Economics
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

Education Leadership
ELPA 305-940: Applied Statistics for School Leaders II, Peter Goff
You can think of this course as an advanced quantitative methods course taught from a conceptual perspective - the cognitive demand will be high, but the math demand will be low. My goal is for folks who are going to be focused primarily on advanced quantitative work (e.g., qualitative researchers or practitioners) to develop an intuition about the rhyme and reason behind the types of quantitative inquiry frequently used in research and policy contexts. From a novice perspective, quantitative methods can appear opaque and intimidating; I want to tear away some of that facade and provide students with the knowledge and intuition they need to learn from and critique quantitative research. This course will provide students with a conceptual understanding of the most commonly used quantitative strategies used in the field today. The goal of the course is for students to be familiar with these

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
ELPA 940 for MPAs interested in Higher Education

College Student Development Theory

Education Policy Courses

ELPA/Ed Psych 822 Intro Quant Inquiry

Prepares doctoral students to use the concepts and methods of quantitative social science research to conduct research on education issues. Topics include hypothesis testing, statistical inference, point estimates, graphic and numerical data displays, correlation and regression. Prereq> Graduate standing

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

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.

Environmental Studies (Most classes 300 and above)

ES 401 Special Topics Sust Science, Tech, and Policy
ES 900 Radical Property for Environmental Sustainability*

Food Science 375 Food Systems and Climate Change

Geosci 411 Energy Resources (Possible course for Energy Certificate)


German

German 677 Smr German Culture Studies
German 804 Interdis W Europe Studies Seminar

History

History 441 Rev and Conflict Mod Latin Amer

History 600 TOPICS

CIAS Covert Wars and US Foreign Policy

Islam and Politics in the 20th Century
History 706 Soft Power in Europe and US

International Studies

Intl S 317 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. Prereq> Jr st

Intl St 602 Topics in Politics and Policy in the Global Economy

Treatment of topics in international political economy and policy studies. Can be repeated by students but not with the same content. Prereq> Prerequisites may vary with topic

Journalism

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.). Prereq> Grad st or cons inst

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. Prereq> Jr st & cons inst, or Grad st in SLIS

Gender and Women’s Studies

GEN&WS 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. Prereq> GWS 103 or another global health course

Geography

Geog 370 Intro to Cartography

Geog 475 Topics
Environmental Governance
Food Systems and Climate Change

**Geog 982 Interdepartmental Seminar in the Latin America Area**

**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 940 Special Topics**

Relationship of law to current public issues. Topics reflect interests of instructor and students.

Intro to Islamic Law

Energy Law

Housing and Community Development

Chinese Law

Humanitarian Immigration Law

Food Law

Privacy Law in the Info Age

Law and Politics Nexus

**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 906 Law, Science and Biotech Seminar**

Legal, ethical, social and public policy questions raised by modern scientific and technological developments, with a particular focus on biotechnology. Prereq> Cons inst

**Life Science Communication**

**LSC Com 515**

Design, production and evaluation of communication programs aimed at informing and educating publics about agricultural, environment, science, health and human ecology issues. Prereq> L Sc Com 111 or 130, Senior
Nursing

Nursing 768/Law Consumer Health Advocacy and Patient Centered Care*

Interdisciplinary health advocacy clinical supervised by diverse professional staff. Provide broad advocacy to
patients with life-threatening and serious chronic illnesses. Advocacy topics include: medical decision-making,
insurance, medical debt, disability issues. Weekly discussions of patient cases and related guest lectures.
Prereq> Graduate or Professional standing or acceptance in Capstone Certificate in Consumer Health Advocacy

Population Health

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

Pop Health 650 Topics

Principles of Environmental Health for Pub Hlth Pr
Interprofessional Public Health Leadership
Social Networks & Health
Introduction to Survey Sampling
Law, Science, and Biotechnology

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. Prereq> Grad st

Social Work 861 Recent Developments-Public Management in Complex Times*

Urban and Regional Planning Courses-

See URPL Special Topics
Food Systems, Sustainability and Climate
Gentrification in Contemp American Cities
Bicycles Pedesrians and the City

*courses that have been recommended by other La Follette students