

POLS 3351, Section 02, CRN 35929, Summer 2 2017 (Subject to change at instructor's discretion)

As course instructor, I reserve the right to adjust the course syllabus or change assignments as needed. I will be sure to give you plenty of notice prior to any changes. Remember that our course syllabus and class schedule are living documents and can be changed!

Read materials by Tuesday of each week, take quiz by Wednesday of each week by 11 pm MST, and submit final drafts of assignments by Monday at 11 p.m. MST.

Jul **Welcome: Introduction**
3+

- Take the Syllabus Quiz by 11 pm MST on the third day of the semester - due 7/5. No class of 7/4: University Holiday
- Get acquainted with your group members in order to complete unit tasks via weekly short paper peer reviews.

Unit 1: Introduction to Public Policy and Politics

- Read Kraft & Furlong, Ch 1

Unit 2: Government Institutions and Political Actors

- Read Kraft & Furlong, Ch 2

Jul **Unit 3: Understanding Public Policymaking**
10+

- Read Kraft & Furlong, Ch 3
- Take the Lecture and Reading Quiz 3 (there is no Quiz 1 and Quiz 2) - due 7/12

Unit 4: Introduction to Policy Analysis

- Read Kraft and Furlong, Ch 4
- Take the Lecture and Reading Quiz 4 - due 7/12
- Knowledge from the lecture and reading material **MUST** be reflected in your paper.
- Complete Short Paper 2 (there is no short paper 1, 3 or 5) draft by Saturday 7/15 at 11 pm MST, upload and post draft via the short paper discussion board for group members to get feedback, and use feedback in the final draft of your paper by Monday 7/17 at 11 pm MST, which is submitted via the assignment tool as an attached .pdf file to the instructor. Short paper is assigned on 7/10.

Jul **Unit 5: Public Problems and Policy Alternatives**
17+

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- Read Kraft and Furlong, Ch 5
 - Take the Lecture and Reading Quiz 5 - due 7/19

Unit 6: Assessing Policy Alternatives

- Read Kraft and Furlong, Ch 6
- Take the Lecture and Reading Quiz 6 - due 7/19

Midterm Exam – open on 7/17 and due on 7/21-no time limit, begin exam on 7/17

Jul **Unit 7: Economic and Budgetary Policy**
24+

- Read Kraft and Furlong, Ch 7
- Take the Lecture and Reading Quiz 7 - due 7/26

Jul **Unit 8: Health Care Policy**
31+

- Read Kraft and Furlong, Ch 8
- Take the Lecture and Reading Quiz 8 - due 8/2
- Complete Short Paper 4 draft for group members via the Discussion Board (Saturday 8/5) and submit final draft to instructor via .pdf format (Monday 8/7). Short paper is assigned on 7/31.

Unit 9: Welfare and Social Security Policy

- Read Kraft and Furlong, Ch 9
- Take the Lecture and Reading Quiz 9 - due 8/2

Aug **Unit 10: Education Policy**
7+

- Read Kraft and Furlong, Ch 10
- Take the Lecture and Reading Quiz 10 - due 8/9

Unit 11: Environmental and Energy Policy

- Read Kraft and Furlong, Ch 11
- Take the Lecture and Reading Quiz 11 - due 8/9

Aug 14+

Final Exam – open on 8/14 and due on 8/18-no time limit, so begin exam on 8/14

Unit 12: Toward Closure: Homeland Security

- Read part of Kraft and Furlong, Ch 12 and Ch 13