

***POLS 3351, Sec. 1, CRN 24530, Spring 2024, Schedule (Subject to change at instructor's discretion)***

As course instructor, I reserve the right to adjust the course syllabus or change assignments if needed. I will be sure to give you plenty of notice prior to any changes. Read the assigned materials by Monday of each week, complete and submit quiz no later than Wednesday of each week by 11 p.m. Mountain Time and submit written assignments by Sunday at 11 p.m. Mountain Time.

**Week  
1-3**

**Jan 15: Welcome Learning Module: Introduction**

- Take the Syllabus Quiz – due 1/19 (extend time for this first quiz only)
- Get acquainted with your group members in order to complete the Public Policy Research Paper peer reviews.
- Research and **begin working on the Public Policy Research Project** that is now available and is due for **sharing with your discussion group members by 2/28**; the revised, final paper is due for submission **in Module Unit 6** to your instructor by 3/4. For participation extra credit, **give feedback** to at least three of your discussion **group members' drafts on or before 3/1**; then, based on group members' feedback, revise your draft, and **submit to your instructor the final paper by 3/4**.

**Jan 22: Unit 1 Learning Module: Public Policy and Politics**

- Read Kraft & Furlong, Ch 1
- Take the Lecture and Reading Quiz 1 - due 1/24
- **Research and decide which public meeting (regular, in-person full city council, county commission or school board meeting) you will attend** so that you will have time to attend the meeting and submit your paper on or before 4/15—the due date for submitting the **Experiential Research Project**. It is now available in **Module Unit 10** and is **due on or before 4/15**. This is not a group discussion project.

**Jan 29: Unit 2 Learning Module: Government Institutions and Policy Actors**

- Read Kraft & Furlong, Ch 2
- Take the Lecture and Reading Quiz 2 - due 1/31

**Week  
4-5**

**Feb 5: Unit 3 Learning Module: Understanding the Politics of Public Policy**

- Read Kraft & Furlong, Ch 3
- Take the Lecture and Reading Quiz 3 - due 2/7

**Feb 12: Unit 4 Learning Module: Policy Analysis: An Introduction**

- Read Kraft and Furlong, Ch 4
- Take the Lecture and Reading Quiz 4 – due 2/14

**Week  
6-7**

**Feb 19: Unit 5 Learning Module: Public Problems and Policy Alternatives**

- Read Kraft and Furlong, Ch 5
- Take the Lecture and Reading Quiz 5 - due 2/21

**Feb 26: Unit 6 Learning Module: Assessing Policy Alternatives**

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- Read Kraft and Furlong, Ch 6
  - Take the Lecture and Reading Quiz 6 - due 2/28
  - Complete the **Public Policy Research Project**: It is due for **sharing with your discussion group members by 2/28**; the revised, final paper is due for submission to your instructor by 3/4. For participation extra credit, **give feedback** to at least three of your discussion **group members' drafts on or before 3/1**; then, based on group members' feedback revise your draft and submit the **final paper to your instructor by 3/4**.

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**Week 8-9**

**Mar 4: Midterm Exam Learning Module** - due 3/10 – it is open on 3/4—there is no time limit, so begin it on 3/4. Note: The week of March 11 is Spring Break, so no classes.

**Mar 18: Unit 7 Learning Module: Economic and Budgetary Policy**

- Read Kraft and Furlong, Ch 7
- Take the Lecture and Reading Quiz 7 - due 3/20

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**Week 10-11**

**Mar 25: Unit 8 Learning Module: Health Care Policy**

- Read Kraft and Furlong, Ch 8
- Take the Lecture and Reading Quiz 8 - due 3/27

**Apr 1: Unit 9 Learning Module: Welfare and Social Security Policy**

- Read Kraft and Furlong, Ch 9
- Take the Lecture and Reading Quiz 9 - due 4/3

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**Week 12-13**

**Apr 8: Unit 10 Learning Module: Education Policy**

- Read Kraft and Furlong, Ch 10
- Take the Lecture and Reading Quiz 10 – due 4/10
- Complete **Experiential Research Project** and **submit it on or before Monday 4/15** in the Unit 10 module. This is not a group discussion project.

**Apr 15: Unit 11 Learning Module: Environmental and Energy Policy**

- Read Kraft and Furlong, Ch 11
- Take the Lecture and Reading Quiz 11 - due 4/17

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**Week 14-16**

**Apr 22: Unit 12 Learning Module: Foreign Policy and Homeland Security; and Policy Analysis and Policy Choice**

- Read Kraft and Furlong, Ch 12, and Ch 13 (no quiz this week)

**Apr 29 and May 6: Final Exam Learning Module** - Final Exam is due 5/6—it is open on 4/29—there is no time limit, so begin it on 4/29 for submission by the due date of 5/6.