

POLS 3351, Sec. 2, CRN 13668, Fall 2023, 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. Remember that our course syllabus and class schedule are living documents and can be changed!

Read 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 Monday at 11 p.m. Mountain Time.

**Week
1-3**

Aug 28: Welcome Learning Module: Introduction

- Take the Syllabus Quiz – due 8/30
- 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 10/11; the revised, final paper is due for submission **in Module Unit 6** to your instructor by 10/16. For participation extra credit, give feedback to at least three of your discussion **group members' drafts on or before 10/11**; then, based on group members' feedback, revise your draft, and **submit to your instructor the final paper by 10/16**.

Sep 4: Unit 1 Learning Module: Public Policy and Politics

- Read Kraft & Furlong, Ch 1
- Take the Lecture and Reading Quiz 1 - due 9/6
- **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 11/14—the due date for submitting the **Experiential Research Project**. It is now available in **Module Unit 10** and is **due on or before 11/20**. This is not a group discussion project.

Sep 11: Unit 2 Learning Module: Government Institutions and Policy Actors

- Read Kraft & Furlong, Ch 2
- Take the Lecture and Reading Quiz 2 - due 9/13

**Week
4-5**

Sep 18: Unit 3 Learning Module: Understanding the Politics of Public Policy

- Read Kraft & Furlong, Ch 3
- Take the Lecture and Reading Quiz 3 - due 9/20

Sep 25: Unit 4 Learning Module: Policy Analysis: An Introduction

- Read Kraft and Furlong, Ch 4
- Take the Lecture and Reading Quiz 4 – due 9/27

**Week
6-7**

Oct 2: Unit 5 Learning Module: Public Problems and Policy Alternatives

- Read Kraft and Furlong, Ch 5
- Take the Lecture and Reading Quiz 5 - due 10/4

Oct 9: Unit 6 Learning Module: Assessing Policy Alternatives

- Read Kraft and Furlong, Ch 6
- Take the Lecture and Reading Quiz 6 - due 10/11
- Complete the **Public Policy Research Project**: It is due for sharing with your discussion group members by 10/11; the revised, final paper is due for submission to your instructor by 10/16. For participation extra credit, give feedback to at least three of your discussion **group members' drafts on or before 10/11**; then, based on group members' feedback revise your draft and submit the **final paper to your instructor by 10/16**.

Week 8-9

Oct 16: Midterm Exam Learning Module - due 10/23 – it is open on 10/16—there is no time limit, so begin it on 10/16.

Oct 23: Unit 7 Learning Module: Economic and Budgetary Policy

- Read Kraft and Furlong, Ch 7
- Take the Lecture and Reading Quiz 7 - due 10/25

Week 10-11**Oct 30: Unit 8 Learning Module: Health Care Policy**

- Read Kraft and Furlong, Ch 8
- Take the Lecture and Reading Quiz 8 - due 11/1

Nov 6: Unit 9 Learning Module: Welfare and Social Security Policy

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

Week 12-13**Nov 13: Unit 10 Learning Module: Education Policy**

- Read Kraft and Furlong, Ch 10
- Take the Lecture and Reading Quiz 10 – due 11/15
- Complete **Experiential Research Project** and submit it on or before Monday 11/20 in the Unit 10 module. This is not a group discussion project.

Nov 20: Unit 11 Learning Module: Environmental and Energy Policy

- Read Kraft and Furlong, Ch 11
- Take the Lecture and Reading Quiz 11 - due 11/22

Week 14-16**Nov 27: 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)

Dec 4 and Dec 11: Final Exam Learning Module - Final Exam is due 12/11—it is open on 12/4—there is no time limit, so begin it on 12/4 for submission by the due date of 12/11.

