

POLS 3351, Fall, Session I 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 each quiz by Wednesday of each week by 11 p.m. MST, and submit assignments by Monday at 11 p.m. MST.

Week 1 Aug 28+ **Welcome: Introduction**

- Take the Syllabus Quiz by 11 pm MST on the third class day of the semester. - due 8/30
- Get acquainted with your group members in order to complete unit tasks (rotating question discussion) and weekly short paper peer reviews.

Unit 1: Public Policy and Politics

- Read Kraft & Furlong, Ch 1
- Take the Lecture and Reading Quiz 1 - due 8/30

Unit 2: Government Institutions and Policy Actors

- Read Kraft & Furlong, Ch 2
- Take the Lecture and Reading Quiz 2 - due 8/30
- Complete Short Paper 1 draft by Saturday 9/2 at 11 pm MST, upload and post for group members to get feedback, and use feedback in final paper by Tuesday 9/5 at 11 pm MST (extra day due to 9/4 holiday)

Week 2 Sep 4+ **Unit 3: Understanding the Politics of Public Policy**

- Read Kraft & Furlong, Ch 3
- Take the Lecture and Reading Quiz 3 - due 9/6

Unit 4: Policy Analysis: An Introduction

- Read Kraft and Furlong, Ch 4
- Take the Lecture and Reading Quiz 4 – due 9/6
- Knowledge from the lecture and reading material **MUST** be reflected in your paper.
- Complete Short Paper 2 draft (Saturday 9/9) and final (Tuesday

9/11

Week 3 Sep 11+ **Unit 5: Public Problems and Policy Alternatives**

- Read Kraft and Furlong, Ch 5
- Take the Lecture and Reading Quiz 5 - due 9/13

Unit 6: Assessing Policy Alternatives

- Read Kraft and Furlong, Ch 6
- Take the Lecture and Reading Quiz 6 - due 9/13
- Complete Short Paper 3 draft (Saturday 9/16) and final (Monday 9/18)

Week 4 Sep 18+ **Midterm Exam** - due 9/22 – open on 9/18 and due on 9/22—no time limit, so begin it on 9/18

Unit 7: Economic and Budgetary Policy

- Read Kraft and Furlong, Ch 7
- Take the Lecture and Reading Quiz 7 - due 9/20

Week 5 Sep 25+ **Unit 8: Health Care Policy**

- Read Kraft and Furlong, Ch 8
- Take the Lecture and Reading Quiz 8 - due 9/27
- Complete Short Paper 4 draft (Saturday 9/30) and final (Monday 10/2)

Unit 9: Welfare and Social Security Policy

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

Week 6 Oct 2+ **Unit 10: Education Policy**

- Read Kraft and Furlong, Ch 10
- Take the Lecture and Reading Quiz 10 - due 10/4
- Complete Short Paper 5 draft (Saturday 10/7) and final

(Monday 10/9)

Unit 11: Environmental and Energy Policy

- Read Kraft and Furlong, Ch 11
- Take the Lecture and Reading Quiz 11 - due 10/4

Week 7 Oct 9+ **Unit 12: Foreign Policy, Homeland Security, and Policy Choice**

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

Final Exam - due 10/13 - open on 10/9 and due on 10/13—no time limit, so begin it on 10/9