

POLS 3351, Sec. 03, CRN 28043, Spring 2021 (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. MT, and submit assignments by Monday at 11 p.m. MT.

Week 1-3

Jan 18: Welcome Learning Module: Introduction

- Take the Syllabus Quiz by 11 pm MST on the third class day of the semester - due 1/22 (extra day due to 1/18 holiday)
- Get acquainted with your group members in order to complete unit tasks (rotating question discussion) and weekly short paper peer reviews.

Jan 25: Unit 1 Learning Module: Public Policy and Politics

- Read Kraft & Furlong, Ch 1
- Take the Lecture and Reading Quiz 1 - due 1/27
- **Research and decide upon which public meeting you will attend** so that you will have time to attend the meeting and submit your paper on or before 4/19. **Public Meeting Paper assignment is now available in Unit 10.**

Feb 1: Unit 2 Learning Module: Government Institutions and Policy Actors

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

Week 4-5

Feb 8: Unit 3 Learning Module: Understanding the Politics of Public Policy

- Read Kraft & Furlong, Ch 3
- Take the Lecture and Reading Quiz 3 - due 2/10

Feb 15: Unit 4 Learning Module: Policy Analysis: An Introduction

- Read Kraft and Furlong, Ch 4
- Take the Lecture and Reading Quiz 4 – due 2/17
- Knowledge from the lecture and reading material **MUST** be reflected in your paper.
- Complete **Short Paper 1** draft (Saturday 2/20) and final (Monday 2/22)

Week 6-7

Feb 22: Unit 5 Learning Module: Public Problems and Policy Alternatives

- Read Kraft and Furlong, Ch 5
- Take the Lecture and Reading Quiz 5 - due 2/24

Mar 1: Unit 6 Learning Module: Assessing Policy Alternatives

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

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- Complete **Short Paper 2** draft (Saturday 3/6) and final (Monday 3/8)

Week 8-9

Mar 8: Midterm Exam Learning Module - due 3/12 – open on 3/8 and due on 3/12—no time limit, so begin it on 3/8. Note: no class Mar 15-19 due to Spring Break.

Mar 22: Unit 7 Learning Module: Economic and Budgetary Policy

- Read Kraft and Furlong, Ch 7
- Take the Lecture and Reading Quiz 7 - due 3/24

Week 10-11

Mar 29: Unit 8 Learning Module: Health Care Policy

- Read Kraft and Furlong, Ch 8
- Take the Lecture and Reading Quiz 8 - due 3/31

Apr 5: Unit 9 Learning Module: Welfare and Social Security Policy

- Read Kraft and Furlong, Ch 9
- Take the Lecture and Reading Quiz 9 - due 4/7

Week 12-13

Apr 12: Unit 10 Learning Module: Education Policy

- Read Kraft and Furlong, Ch 10
- Take the Lecture and Reading Quiz 10 - due 4/14
- Complete **Public Meeting Paper** and submit it on or before (Monday 4/19)

Apr 19: Unit 11 Learning Module: Environmental and Energy Policy

- Read Kraft and Furlong, Ch 11
- Take the Lecture and Reading Quiz 11 - due 4/21

Week 14-16

Apr 26: Unit 12 Learning Module: Foreign Policy and Homeland Security, and Policy Choice

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

May 3: Unit 12 Learning Module: Policy Analysis and Policy Choice

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

May 10: Final Exam Learning Module - due 5/14- open on 5/10 and due on 5/14—no time limit, so begin it on 5/10