

POLS 3351, Fall, Session II 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 Oct 23+ **Welcome: Introduction**

- Take the Syllabus Quiz by 11 pm MST on the third class day of the semester. - due 10/25
- 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 10/25

Unit 2: Government Institutions and Policy Actors

- Read Kraft & Furlong, Ch 2
- Take the Lecture and Reading Quiz 2 - due 10/25
- Complete Short Paper 1 draft by Saturday 10/28 at 11 pm MST, upload and post for group members to get feedback, and use feedback in final paper by Monday 10/30 at 11 pm MST

Week 2 Oct 30+ **Unit 3: Understanding the Politics of Public Policy**

- Read Kraft & Furlong, Ch 3
- Take the Lecture and Reading Quiz 3 - due 11/1

Unit 4: Policy Analysis: An Introduction

- Read Kraft and Furlong, Ch 4
- Take the Lecture and Reading Quiz 4 - due 11/1
- Knowledge from the lecture and reading material **MUST** be reflected in your paper.
- Complete Short Paper 2 draft (Saturday 11/4) and final (Monday

11/6)

Week 3 Nov 6+ **Unit 5: Public Problems and Policy Alternatives**

- Read Kraft and Furlong, Ch 5
- Take the Lecture and Reading Quiz 5 - due 11/8

Unit 6: Assessing Policy Alternatives

- Read Kraft and Furlong, Ch 6
- Take the Lecture and Reading Quiz 6 - due 11/8
- Complete Short Paper 3 draft (Saturday 11/11) and final (Monday 11/13)

Week 4 Nov 13+ **Midterm Exam** - due 11/17 – open on 11/13 and due on 11/17 – no time limit so begin it on 11/13

Unit 7: Economic and Budgetary Policy

- Read Kraft and Furlong, Ch 7
- Take the Lecture and Reading Quiz 7 - due 11/15

Week 5 Nov 20+ **Unit 8: Health Care Policy**

- Read Kraft and Furlong, Ch 8
- Take the Lecture and Reading Quiz 8 - due 11/22
- Complete Short Paper 4 draft (Saturday 11/25) and final (Monday 11/27)

Unit 9: Welfare and Social Security Policy

- Read Kraft and Furlong, Ch 9
- Take the Lecture and Reading Quiz 9 - due 11/22

Week 6 Nov 27+ **Unit 10: Education Policy**

- Read Kraft and Furlong, Ch 10
- Take the Lecture and Reading Quiz 10 - due 11/29
- Complete Short Paper 5 draft (Saturday 12/2) and final (Monday 12/4)

Unit 11: Environmental and Energy Policy

- Read Kraft and Furlong, Ch 11
- Take the Lecture and Reading Quiz 11 - due 11/29

Week 7 Dec 4+ **Unit 12: Foreign Policy, Homeland Security, and Policy Choice**

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

Final Exam - due 12/8 - open on 12/4 and due on 12/8 - no time limit so begin it on 12/4