

POLS 3351, Spring, Session I 2018 (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 Jan 15+ **Welcome: Introduction**

- Take the Syllabus Quiz by 11 pm MST on the third class day of the semester. - due /18 (extra day due to 1/15 holiday)
- 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 /18 (extra day due to 1/15 holiday)

Unit 2: Government Institutions and Policy Actors

- Read Kraft & Furlong, Ch 2
- Take the Lecture and Reading Quiz 2 - due /18 (extra day due to 1/15 holiday)
- Complete Short Paper 1 draft by Saturday 1/20 at 11 pm MST, upload and post for group members to get feedback, and use feedback in final paper by Monday 1/22 at 11 pm MST

Week 2 Jan 22+ **Unit 3: Understanding the Politics of Public Policy**

- Read Kraft & Furlong, Ch 3
- Take the Lecture and Reading Quiz 3 - due 1/24

Unit 4: Policy Analysis: An Introduction

- Read Kraft and Furlong, Ch 4
- Take the Lecture and Reading Quiz 4 – due 1/24
- Knowledge from the lecture and reading material **MUST** be reflected in your paper.

- Complete Short Paper 2 draft (Saturday 1/27) and final (Monday 1/29)

Week 3 Jan 29+ **Unit 5: Public Problems and Policy Alternatives**

- Read Kraft and Furlong, Ch 5
- Take the Lecture and Reading Quiz 5 - due 1/31

Unit 6: Assessing Policy Alternatives

- Read Kraft and Furlong, Ch 6
- Take the Lecture and Reading Quiz 6 - due 1/31
- Complete Short Paper 3 draft (Saturday 2/3) and final (Monday 2/5)

Week 4 Feb 5+ **Midterm Exam** - due 2/9 – open on 2/5 and due on 2/9—no time limit, so begin it on 2/5

Unit 7: Economic and Budgetary Policy

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

Week 5 Feb 12+ **Unit 8: Health Care Policy**

- Read Kraft and Furlong, Ch 8
- Take the Lecture and Reading Quiz 8 - due 2/14
- Complete Short Paper 4 draft (Saturday 2/17) and final (Monday 2/19)

Unit 9: Welfare and Social Security Policy

- Read Kraft and Furlong, Ch 9
- Take the Lecture and Reading Quiz 9 - due 2/14

Week 6 Feb 19+ **Unit 10: Education Policy**

- Read Kraft and Furlong, Ch 10
- Take the Lecture and Reading Quiz 10 - due 2/21
- Complete Short Paper 5 draft (Saturday 2/24) and final

(Monday 2/26)

Unit 11: Environmental and Energy Policy

- Read Kraft and Furlong, Ch 11
- Take the Lecture and Reading Quiz 11 - due 2/21

Week 7 Feb 26+ **Unit 12: Foreign Policy, Homeland Security, and Policy Choice**

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

Final Exam - due 3/2 - open on 2/26 and due on 3/2—no time limit, so begin it on 2/26