POLICY STUDIES (PST)

PST 110 - INTRODUCTION TO POLICY STUDIES
This introductory course offers an understanding of common policy areas and the analytical tools needed to understand policy issues commonly discussed in the public arena. Readings center on exploring definitions, media portrayals, and the politics of public policy. Class discussions will focus on exploring how public policy shapes the sociopolitical landscape and offers the legal framework for aspects of public/private life. Understanding policy is a broad endeavor, yet includes considerations of cultural norms, political power struggles and legal frameworks.
Credits: 3
Attributes: Social Science

PST 210 - CONTEMPORARY SOCIAL ISSUES
Contemporary issues from a sociological perspective. Topics may include institutional problems of modern societies and issues related to class, race, gender, sexuality, environmental destruction, and global inequality.
Credits: 3
Attributes: Social Science

PST 211 - CONTEMPORARY GLOBAL POLICY ISSUES
Contemporary global issues from a sociological perspective. Topics may include institutional problems of non western societies and issues related to class, race, gender, sexuality, disability, environmental destruction, and inequality.
Credits: 3
Attributes: International Studies, Non-western Culture, Social Science
Prerequisites: SOC 101

PST 212 - CONTEMPORARY URBAN ISSUES
Contemporary urban issues from a sociological perspective. Analysis of urban problems; global impact on cities; spatial structuring of race, class, gender, and inequality.
Credits: 3
Attributes: Social Justice Studies, Social Science

PST 325 - COMMUNITY RESEARCH FIELDWORK
This class will involve developing and completing a research project in collaboration with an outside community organization. Class uses traditional research methods in conducting an engaged, collaborative methods research project. Students will be involved in all stages of the research process. The specific research project will change from semester to semester.
Credits: 3
Attributes: Social Science
Prerequisites: PST 110 and (POS 290 or SOC 325 or PSYC 285)

PST 346 - ADVOCACY & ACTION
Examination of community organizing theories, approaches, and modes of advocacy. Focuses on cases studies and hands on experience.
Examination of community organizing theories and approaches. Focuses on cases studies and hands on experience.
Credits: 3
Attributes: Social Science
Prerequisites: SOC 101
Course Notes: Cross-listed with SOC 346

PST 375 - INTERNSHIP
Internship with a local organization involving policy analysis or advocacy. An internship requires working the equivalent of 8 hours/week (10 hours summer) for a total of at least 120 hours at the site of the selected organization. Students will meet the internship requirements of the department (e.g., journal, final paper). Offered in conjunction with faculty advisor, by faculty consent, and requires an advanced signed contract.
Credits: 3
Prerequisites: PST 110 and PST 290 and (PST 210 or PST 211 or PST 212)