

Public Policy Clinic

Gov 384M
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Class Location: BAT 1.104
Class Hours: W 7-10pm
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Unique #: 39085

Course Description and Goals

This is a graduate-level course for the Graduate Research Assistants of the Irma Rangel Public Policy Institute in the Department of Government. The first core component of the class is for the students to engage in supervised research activities throughout the semester. These assignments will relate to the Public Policy focus of the Institute, and students will thereby enhance their scholarly knowledge of Public Policy fields as well as related Government topics. The class will study subjects with both scholarly and practical implications. The research projects will involve students working either individually or as a group, and the students will also have the opportunity to advance their methodological and research skills. Second, the students will individually present their research findings. The class and instructor will discuss these projects and presentations as well as methodological issues, related research, publication opportunities, and future research directions. The students will sign up for presentation times at the beginning of the semester. These presentations, as well as related discussion and group activities, will constitute the content of the class meetings.

Grading and Assessment

The students will receive a grade of credit or no credit – there is no letter grade option. Grades are based on instructor assessment of satisfactory participation in the seminar and satisfactory performance of research assignments.

Policies

- * Students with disabilities: Students with disabilities may request appropriate academic accommodations from the Division of Diversity and Community Engagement, Services for Students with Disabilities, 471-6259, <http://www.utexas.edu/diversity/ddce/ssd/>
- * There class has a Blackboard site, which should only be used for academic purposes.
- * Accommodations for religious holidays. By UT-Austin policy, you must notify the instructor of your pending absence at least fourteen days prior to the date of observance of a religious holy day. If you must miss a class, an examination, a work assignment, or a project in order to observe a religious holy day, you will be given an opportunity to complete the missed work within a reasonable time after the absence.

Scholastic Dishonesty

*“‘Scholastic dishonesty’ includes, but is not limited to, cheating, plagiarism, collusion, falsifying academic records, misrepresenting facts, and any act designed to give unfair academic advantage to the student (such as, but not limited to, submission of essentially the same written assignment for two courses without the prior permission of the instructor), or the attempt to commit such an act.” Section 11-802 (b), *Institutional Rules on Student Services and Activities*. If you have any questions about what constitutes scholastic dishonesty, you should consult with me and the following website:
http://deanofstudents.utexas.edu/sjs/acint_student.php

* Policy on Scholastic Dishonesty: Students who violate University rules on scholastic dishonesty are subject to disciplinary penalties, including the possibility of failure in the course and/ or dismissal from the University. Since such dishonesty harms the individual, all students, and the integrity of the University, policies on scholastic dishonesty will be strictly enforced. For further information please visit the Student Judicial Services Web site: <http://deanofstudents.utexas.edu/sjs>.

Honor Code

“The core values of the University of Texas at Austin are learning, discovery, freedom, leadership, individual opportunity, and responsibility. Each member of the University is expected to uphold these values through integrity, honesty, trust, fairness, and respect toward peers and community.”

Emergency Evacuation Policy

- * Occupants of buildings on The University of Texas at Austin campus are required to evacuate buildings when a fire alarm is activated. Alarm activation or announcement requires exiting and assembling outside.
- * Familiarize yourself with all exit doors of each classroom and building you may occupy. Remember that the nearest exit door may not be the one you used when entering the building.
- * Students requiring assistance in evacuation shall inform their instructor in writing during the first week of class.
- * In the event of an evacuation, follow the instruction of faculty or class instructors.
- * Do not re-enter a building unless given instructions by the following: Austin Fire Department, The University of Texas at Austin Police Department, or Fire Prevention Services office.
- * Behavior Concerns Advice Line (BCAL): 512-232-5050
- * Link to information regarding emergency evacuation routes and emergency procedures can be found at: www.utexas.edu/emergency