



The Public Policy Process

Online Courses

Course Description

The world of policy and politics, governance and government can be murky with seemingly transparent and tangled connections. Who gets to define the agenda, what type of policy will come to the fore and who is accountable? This course sheds light on some of these concepts using the work of respected authors in the field. It allows learners to understand how a critical analytic and descriptive framework can help understand who is involved in the policy process, how it operates and ultimately leads to a discussion about who is accountable. The answers to these questions help lay a solid foundation for further exploration of policy analysis and formation in other courses.

Learning Goals

By the end of the course students should be able to:

- Understand the distinction between policy and politics; government and governance.
- Understand how the national political discourse effects policymaking and decision making.
- Understand the stages of the policy cycle and their interactions.
- Be able to think critically about the actors in the policymaking process in their own country and the influences and motivations they may have in the policy process.
- Be able to distinguish between outputs and outcomes, monitoring and evaluation.
- Understand the importance and relevance of the policy process and all stages of the policy cycle, thereby laying an important foundation for the next course on the techniques for monitoring and evaluation.

“ This is a great course for everyone who wants to learn more about how policies are made and how they influence our everyday lives. I loved watching participants learn more and more with each session and increase their ability to connect the different concepts, arriving at a solid understanding of the public policy process at the end of the course. -

Hannah Oettrich

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Prerequisites

- BA in Social Sciences. The course instructions and all readings are given in English. Fluency in English, both reading and writing is essential, in both technical and common language.

ECTS equivalent

- Participants will receive 2 ECTS equivalence credits and the certification will be offered through an online educational badge.

Estimated Workload

The estimated workload is 60 hours including:

- 10-15 hours per week.
- 10-15 hours per assignments/ oral exams.

Duration : 10 weeks

- 1 week to access the platform and become familiar with the material, 4 weeks of coursework, 2 weeks to do the oral exam and 3 weeks for potential resit time.

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