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**PUBLIC POLICY ANALYSIS  
PSC 503**

**THE UNIVERSITY OF MONTANA  
Department of Political Science**

**Masters of Public Administration Program**

**LA 337 -- 4:10-6:30 (TUESDAY)**

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**TEXTS:** *Understanding Public Policy*, 8<sup>th</sup> Edition, by Dye

*Public Policy: Theories, Models, and Concepts*, by McCool

*Program Planning and Evaluation for the Public Manager*, 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition, by Sylvia, Sylvia,  
and Gunn

**COURSE DESCRIPTION**

Public policy is one of the most exciting areas in political science and public administration. This course examines the public policy process (i.e. formation, implementation, and evaluation). The course is divided into three parts. **Part 1** is an overview of basic concepts and background information necessary for understanding the public policy and policy analysis by focusing on selected evaluation methods and terminology (the Sylvia, Sylvia, and Gunn text and the McCool text). **Part 2** examines a broad range of public policies and integrates techniques of analysis (the Dye text). The manager's role in public policy is integrated throughout the course (i.e. policy management).

**PSC 503** is designed to achieve two primary goals. The first is to acquaint students with the complexities of public policy. The second goal is to develop analytical and technical skills. The class will be conducted as a seminar. Thus, greater emphasis will be placed on discussions than traditional lectures.

**GRADE WEIGHTS:** Exam .....40% April 29 (Tuesday)  
Paper .....40% Papers due May 6 (Tuesday)  
Participation.....20%

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## **5. The Public Policy Process**

Dye, Chapters 11,12,13,14

Assigned Articles (McCool)

"The Political System Under Stress" by Easton \_\_\_\_\_

"Fiscal Behavior of the Modern Democratic State by Mitchell \_\_\_\_\_

"The Science of Muddling Through" by Lindblom \_\_\_\_\_

"Stages of the Policy Process" by Ripley \_\_\_\_\_

## **6. The Policy Process and The Role of Public Managers**

SSG, Chapters 4,5 (Students should also review Chapters 1-3)

Dye, Chapter 14

Assigned Articles (McCool)

"Four Systems of Policy, Politics, and Choice" by Lowi \_\_\_\_\_

"Developing Public Policy Theory..." by Greenberg, Miller, Mohr, and Vladeck \_\_\_\_\_

"Typologies of Public Policy..." by Steinberger \_\_\_\_\_

"Promoting Policy Theory" by Spitzer \_\_\_\_\_

## **7. Evaluation Designs and Cost Benefit Analysis**

SSG, Chapters 6,7

Dye, Chapter 14

**Spring Break March 17-21**

## **PART II SELECTED PUBLIC POLICY ISSUES**

### **8. Civil Rights Policy**

Dye, Chapter 3

### **9. Criminal Justice Policy**

Dye, Chapter 4

### **10. Education Policy**

Dye, Chapter 6

**11. Economic Policy & Tax Policy**

Dye, Chapters 9,10

Assigned Articles (McCool)

"American Business, Public Policy, Case Studies, and Political Theory" by Lowi \_\_\_\_\_

"The Subsystems in Perspective" by Freeman \_\_\_\_\_

"Issue Networks and the Executive Establishment" by Heclo \_\_\_\_\_

"Patterns of Influence among Committees, Agencies, and Interest Groups" by  
Hamm \_\_\_\_\_

"An Advocacy Coalition Framework of Policy Change and the Role of Policy Learning  
Therein" by Sabatier \_\_\_\_\_

**12. Exam April 29 (Tentative Date)**

**13. Research Presentations/Discussions**

**All papers due May 6**