

**Foundations of Public Policy**  
**Fall 2012**  
**6-10pm, Tuesdays**  
**Room: TBA**

**“You must be the change you wish to see in the world.”-- Mohandas K. Gandhi**

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**TESC MPA MISSION STATEMENT**

Our students, faculty and staff create learning communities to explore and implement socially just, democratic public service. We *think* critically and creatively; *communicate* effectively; *work* collaboratively; *embrace* diversity; we *value* fairness and equity; *advocate* powerfully on behalf of the public; and *imagine* new possibilities to accomplish positive change in our workplaces and in our communities.

**COURSE DESCRIPTION**

The study of public policy tantalizes us with the possibility that we may learn the secrets to how big policy decisions are made, and have an impact on those decisions. This course provides an overview of the concepts and issues in the field of public policy. As the first course in the TESC MPA policy concentration, it is intended to provide an introduction to the study of public policy process and to the practice of public policy analysis. We examine multiple approaches to understanding public policy and policy analysis. Comparing and contrasting these models, we seek to provide guidance for future policy analysts in our representative democracy, in a system where marginalized groups still find it difficult to gain entrée to the policy process and we still believe the stories we tell ourselves about how policy is made and implemented.

**READINGS**

**Books (in relative order of use):**

- Gerston, Larry N. (2010) *Public Policy Making: Process and Principles (3rd Edition)*. M.E. Sharpe. ISBN: 978-0-7656-2535-9 (2010). [Go digital here](#)
- Schneider, Anne L. & Helen Ingram (1997) *Policy Design for Democracy*. University of Kansas Press. ISBN-978-0700608447
- Weimer, David, and Aidan R. Vining.(2010). *Policy Analysis: Concepts and Practice (5th Edition)*. Longman Publishing. ISBN-13: 978-0205781300 [Go digital here](#)
- Schneider, Anne L. & Helen Ingram (Eds) (2005). *Deserving and Entitled: Social Constructions and Public Policy*. State University of New York Press. ISBN-13: 978-079146342

**Articles:**

TBA, available at the Moodle site unless otherwise noted.