

WINTER 2020

Undergraduate Courses Approved for Public Policy Elective Credit

Note that courses cannot be double-counted. For example, if you are a Political Science major you may not count a Political Science course towards your Public Policy major. Please let Debbie know at the end of the quarter which outside electives you took, so this can be updated on your APR.

AH 2581 CRN: 3560 Credits: 2

Spectator to Citizen: Denver Urban Issues and Policy

Tuesdays 2:00 - 3:50 pm

This course is the second course of the three-course sequence, "Spectator to Citizen," offered by the Center for Community Engagement and Service-Learning (CCESL). This sequence is designed to provide opportunities for students to develop a set of public skills and a civic knowledge base that will allow them to actively participate in the public life of their communities. This course strongly encourages students of diverse backgrounds, politics and values to learn together, and from one another, in a safe and challenging learning environment. As citizens of the City of Denver, it is our responsibility and right to investigate important issues and be involved in developing a city that better the lives of the people in our communities. We do this through a community organizing model that includes; research, immersion, and learning of the powers, structures and stakeholders necessary to live in any democratic community, here in Denver or around the globe. Students perform both traditional and community-based research necessary to understand Denver's current issues and policy.

Notes:

Cross-listed with CUI 3988, SS 2581.

COMN 1012 CRN: 1894/5200 Credits: 4

Speaking on Ideas That Matter

Section 1: Mon/Wed 8:00 - 9:50 am

Section 2: Tues/Fri 10:00 AM- 11:50 AM

The purpose of this course is to assist students in becoming more competent and comfortable when speaking about their opinions. Students learn how to develop and analyze rhetorical arguments, including the full range of the speech-making process, but especially how to support those opinions they assert. Assignments, class discussions and course materials provide students with a foundation of knowledge and practical application of speaking skills, which will prove useful in a variety of personal, professional, and public contexts.

Notes:

ECON 2400

CRN: 4523

Credits: 4

Public Finance

Tuesdays/Thursdays

12:00 - 1:50 pm

Public-sector economics, including public finance and expenditures; effects of different types of taxes and various government programs; government budgeting; cost benefit analysis.

Notes:

Prerequisite: ECON 1030

ECON 3590

CRN: 3486

Credits: 4

Urban Economics

Mondays/Wednesdays

12:00 - 1:50 pm

Covers topics and issues of economic growth and decline in metropolitan areas, emphasizing urban economic issues. A broad range of policy areas is discussed, including labor market policy, welfare reform, housing policy, racial segregation, transportation, and environmental policy, among others.

Notes:

Restriction: junior standing. Prerequisite: ECON 2020 or 2030

ECON 2610

CRN: 1403

Credits: 4

International Economics

Mondays/Wednesdays

2:00 - 3:50 pm

The student learns about balance of payments, accounting, international monetary arrangements, international trade, and international investment. Certain policies that have a direct impact on a country's balance of payments, e.g. macroeconomic policies, exchange rate policy, and commercial policies, are examined. Some features of recent US trade policy stances is also be surveyed.

Prerequisite: ECON 1030.

Notes: Prerequisite: ECON 1030

ECON 3740

CRN: 3806

Credits: 4

Health Economics

Tuesdays/Thursdays

4:00 - 5:50 pm

This course is designed to study the nature of the organization of health care production, delivery and utilization according to economic theory. It introduces the up-to-date problems and issues in the U.S. health care system by studying demand for and supply of health care services, health care production and costs, and market analysis of health care industry. Important parties playing roles in health care industry such as private health insurance firms, physicians, pharmaceutical industry, and hospital services will be studied in detail. In addition, the course deals with the role of government in health care industry and various health care reforms proposed in the U.S.

Notes:

Restriction: junior standing. Prerequisite: ECON 2020 or 2030.

GEOG 2700 *CRN: 1019* *Credits: 4*

Contemporary Environmental Issues

Mondays/Wednesdays **12:00 - 1:50 pm**

Principles, practices, issues, and status of care of environment; lectures, readings, and discussions focus on causes, effects, and mitigation of a selection of topical regional, national, and international environmental problems including Denver's air pollution, acid deposition, hazardous waste management, global warming, and tropical deforestation.

Notes:

GEOG 3420 *CRN: 3560* *Credits: 4*

Urban and Regional Planning

Tuesdays/Thursdays **12:00 - 1:50 pm**

Historical evolution of planning theory and practices; comprehensive planning process; legal, political, economic, social, environmental aspects of urban planning; urban design; urban renewal and community development; transportation planning; economic development planning; growth management; environmental and energy planning; planning for metropolitan regions; national planning.

Notes:

INTS 2470 *CRN: 1971* *Credits: 4*

Crime and International Politics

Tuesdays/Thursdays **2:00 - 3:50 pm**

What constitutes a crime in one location may constitute a personal right, a survival strategy or legitimate business opportunity in another. So how then does one address criminality in a global society? This course explores the roots of transnational crime and both domestic and international response to criminal networks. Topics include corruption, the drug trade, and human trafficking.

Notes:

INTS 2490 *CRN: 3727* *Credits: 4*

Intro to Global Health

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This class is an introduction to the field of global health and explores relationships between social, political, cultural, and economic conditions of mostly low and middle-income countries and their impact on health and health services. We will spend some time covering health issues in high-income countries as well. A major focus of the course is the evolution of primary health care and alternative strategies in global health. Topics addressed include: maternal and child health, nutrition, the rise of non-communicable diseases, water and sanitation, community engagement, global health agencies, and funding sources. The course presents an overview of the multiple factors that influence global health and emphasizes the importance of a multidisciplinary approach to global health challenges.

Notes:

INTS 3715 *CRN: 4812* *Credits: 4*

The Politics and Policy of Sustainable Energy

Mondays/Wednesdays **2:00 PM- 3:50 PM**

Energy is much in the news, with highly visible controversies over everything from hydraulic fracturing here in Colorado to oil pipelines to mountaintop removal for coal mining to raptor mortality at wind farms. These controversies range from local city ordinances to global treaties and involve everyone from environmental groups to governments to businesses of all sizes. It can be difficult to make sense of this cacophony of events. Where is the global energy system now, where is it going, and what will impede progress toward an energy system that will both serve human needs and protect the environment? Understanding these questions requires background knowledge that puts them into context and creates the opportunity to understand them more deeply.

Notes:

PLSC 2701 *CRN: 4731* *Credits: 4*

Topics in American Politics: Climate Change

Monday/Wednesday **12:00 - 1:50 am**

Focuses on specific issues in politics of the United States.

Notes: *Prerequisite: Sophomore standing*

PLSC 2701 *CRN: 3626* *Credits: 4*

Topics in American Politics: Latino Politics in the US

Mondays/Wednesdays **10:00 - 11:50 am**

Focuses on specific issues in politics of the United States.

Notes: Prerequisite: sophomore standing

SOCI 2250 *CRN: 2545* *Credits: 4*

Criminology

Monday/Wednesday **12:00- 1:50 PM**

Social meaning of criminal behavior; relationship between crime and society in particular, how production and distribution of economic, political and cultural resources shape construction of law, order and crime; different types of crime, criminals and victims, and efforts to understand and control them. This course counts toward the Scientific Inquiry: Society and Culture requirement.

Notes:

SOCI 2500 *CRN: 3431* *Credits: 4*

Schooling and Society

Tuesdays/Thursdays **2:00 - 3:50 pm**

The objective of this course is to examine the relationship between schooling and the larger social inequalities (e.g., racism, poverty, and gender) that profoundly shape education. The major focus in this seminar will be on U.S. K-12 public education.

Notes:

Prerequisite: SOCI 1810 or permission of instructor.

SOCI 2701 *CRN: 3040* *Credits: 4*

Special Topics: Gangs in America

Fridays **8:00 - 11:50 am**

Topics in Sociology: Gangs in America. This course will examine the history and evolution of street and prison gangs as an increasingly complex social phenomenon. Students will gain a clearer understanding of gang culture, organization and involvement. We will address the challenges gangs and gang-involved individuals pose to society. We will focus on issues in juvenile justice and resources for professionals working with gang-involved youth.

Notes: Prerequisite: SOCI 1810 or permission of instructor.

SOCI 2240 *CRN: 3429* *Credits: 4*

Sociology of Health

Tuesday/Thursday **4:00-5:50 PM**

This course explores questions of how individuals experience health and illness, how they interact with institutions and providers, and how these experiences are filtered through social structures that lead to inequality. Using a sociological perspective, we analyze how individuals' experiences of health and illness, medical institutions, and work in the health professions are influenced by racial/ethnic background, gender, social class, sexual identity, and age. We analyze these concepts by looking at who gets to define health and illness as well as how medical decisions are made, including who has the right to make decisions, what are the limits on the kinds of decisions that can be made, and how are decisions enforced and challenged by law.

Notes: Prerequisite: SOCI 1810 or permission of instructor.

SOCI 2701 *CRN: 3433* *Credits: 4*

Topics in Sociology: Law, Politics, and Criminal Justice Reform

Tuesday/Thursday **4:00-5:50 PM**

Topics vary. Recent topics have included urban poverty, ethics, women and crime, and school and workplace violence.

Notes: Prerequisite: SOCI 1810 or permission of instructor.

MFJS 2280 *CRN: 4684* *Credits: 4*

Politics and Media

Tuesday/Friday **10:00-11:50 AM**

We examine the nature of the media and how media institutions shape the way citizens understand politics. We discuss global media institutions and the role media play in various societies. We explore the role of media in providing information for citizens in a democracy, examine how the media influence the political process, and investigate how the goals of and changes within the media industry influence the effect media coverage has on the political process. Through our study, we explore how the media either enhance or limit the potential for citizens to contribute to democracy. This course counts toward the Scientific Inquiry: Society and Culture requirement.

