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Spring 2017

PA 1401 – Public Affairs: Organizing for the Public Good (3 credits)
Mondays and Wednesdays, 8:15-9:30 a.m.
Instructor: Dennis Donovan, National Organizer, Public Achievement

This is a hands-on introduction for students wanting to develop skills, confidence, and knowledge to make change as citizen professionals. It acquaints students with hopeful examples of successful citizen organizers and organizations working to tackle tough public problems, from racism to teen pregnancy, failing schools to environmental degradation. Students will gain practical skills such as thinking politically, building public relationships, understanding diverse self-interests, mapping power, and knowing about the culture, history and social networks needed to make change.

PA 3003 – Nonprofit and Public Financial Management (3 credits)
Wednesdays, 9:45-11:00 a.m.

This introductory course is geared toward upper division undergraduates, with case studies and real-world exercises designed to equip students with the practical financial management tools and analytical techniques they need to be successful in their careers. While not a prerequisite, some prior coursework in accounting or finance is advisable.

PA 3990 – Contemporary Public Policy (3 credits)
Tuesdays and Thursdays, 1:00-2:15 p.m.
Instructor: Joel Mixon, Senior Academic Advisor, Humphrey School Student Services

Foundation for understanding the what, who, where, and how of public policy making. These components are explored from different perspectives while delving into questions such as: What is public policy good for? Who decides policy priorities? What effect does public policy actually have in solving public problems?

PA 4101 – Nonprofit Management and Governance (3 credits)
Tuesdays, 4:40-7:25 p.m.
Instructor: Stephanie Jacobs, Deputy Director, Public and Nonprofit Leadership Center; former Program Director, Nonprofits Assistance Fund

This course explores the theories, concepts, and some real-world examples of how to manage nonprofit organizations. Students will study governance systems, strategic management practices, the effects of different funding environments, and management of multiple constituencies.