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**Fall 2017**

**PA 1401 – Community Organizing Skills for Public Action (3 credits)**
Tuesdays and Thursdays, 1:00-2:15 p.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 3002 – Basic Methods of Policy Analysis (3 credits)**
Mondays & Wednesdays, 1:00-2:15 p.m.
Instructor: P. Jay Kiedrowski, Senior Fellow, Humphrey School; Former MN State Commissioner of Finance

*This course is designed for students who share an interest in quantitative techniques to analyze issues of public policy. This multidisciplinary course is appropriate for students from various undergraduate majors, including economics, political science, business and other social sciences. In particular, this introductory course provides a firm academic and technical background for students preparing for graduate studies and careers in public and nonprofit organizations at the local, state, national and international levels.*

**PA 3003 – Nonprofit and Public Financial Management (3 credits)**
Wednesdays, 9:45-11:00 a.m. OR 1:00-2:15 p.m.
Instructor: John Gunyou, Former Minnesota State Commissioner of Finance

*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 4101 – Nonprofit Management and Governance (3 credits)
Mondays, 4:40-7:25 p.m.
Instructor: Allison Rojas, Principal, Allison Rojas Consulting

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.

PA 4200 – Urban and Regional Planning (3 credits)
Tuesdays & Thursdays, 4:00-5:15 p.m.
Instructor: Frank Douma, Director, State and Local Policy Program, Humphrey School of Public Affairs

This course is geared toward upper division undergraduates who are curious about a career in urban and regional planning, or simply want to know how planning works and affects our lives. It provides an introductory overview of planning theory and practice, with primary attention to current issues in planning practice in the U.S. The content covers land use, urban design, transportation, community development, housing, and environmental planning problems within the broader context of the historic development of cities, political processes, and regional and national economic forces.

PA 4997 – Politics of Public Affairs (3 credits)
Meets with PA 5012 – The Politics of Public Affairs
Tuesdays & Thursdays, 1:00-2:15 p.m.
Instructors: Larry Jacobs, Walter F. Mondale Chair for Political Studies and Director of the Center for the Study of Politics and Governance, & Former U.S. Vice President Walter F. Mondale

How should America balance the twin imperatives of national security and the rights and protections enshrined in the Constitution? The powers of presidents (under both Democrats and Republicans) have expanded while legislative authority over war making and national security has receded and the federal government has constructed a vast and often secret apparatus to conduct surveillance and searches of citizens that intrude on our liberties. Is the diminution of the Constitution’s rights and system of checking and balancing the necessary cost of security? Or, can we reconcile the imperative of security with our Constitutional system?

Vice President Walter F. Mondale will be joining Professor Lawrence Jacobs in teaching a remarkable course that explores seven real-world crises from Harry Truman’s efforts to seize the steel mills to Richard Nixon’s claims of executive privilege and Barack Obama’s use of state secrets to preclude judicial review of the executive branch’s electronic surveillance and detainee retention.

Class sessions are organized around interactive discussions of major Supreme Court decisions, debates in Congress, and other original documents that bring students into direct contact with the competing perspectives.