GENDER AND PUBLIC POLICY

Predesigned Concentration Information

Public policy is gendered. That means that men and women are affected differently by public policies, that they participate differentially in the public policy-making process, and that public policies are an important component in the ongoing construction of gender differences, and a site where gender is resisted and renegotiated. The concentration offers students the opportunity to understand the economic, social and political structures that underscore gender inequity and explore available policy mechanisms to mitigate it. Students may want to do a gender analysis of any public affairs topic from transportation to foreign policy to health care. The faculty and fellows of the Humphrey School are particularly strong on the issues of gender and social policy, feminist organizations and social movements, feminist economics, population policy, gender and human rights, gender and science/technology, gender and international development.

In addition, students can draw on the University of Minnesota’s outstanding faculty who teach graduate courses in Gender, Women, and Sexuality Studies, Public Health, American Studies, Law, Political Science, History, Rhetoric, Social Work, and Sociology to name but a few.

To fulfill the requirements for a Gender and Public Policy concentration, students must (a) complete the core course listed below and (b) design and complete a 6-credit plan for additional coursework. Selected courses must allow for a sustained commitment to a coherent program of student development. Students must explain the logic of their self-designed concentration in a brief narrative (approximately one paragraph) submitted to and approved by their advisor.
**Foundational Course for MPP Gender and Public Policy concentration**

PA 5601  Global Survey of Gender and Public Policy (3 credits)

**Select 6 credits of elective courses from below (total concentration credits must equal 9 or more)***

- PA 5301  Population Methods and Issues for the U.S. and Third World
- PA 5401  Poverty, Inequality, and Public Policy
- PA 5413  Early Childhood and Public Policy
- PA 5422  Diversity and Public Policy
- PA 5490  Topics in Social Policy: Economics of Early Childhood
- PA 5490  Topics in Social Policy: Social Policy Analysis in the Legislative Arena
- PA 5451  Immigrant Health Issues
- PA 5501  Theories and Policies of Development
- PA 5522  International Development Policy, Family and Health
- PA 5561  Gender and International Development
- PA 5690  Feminist Perspectives on Sexual Assault and Domestic Violence
- PA 5690  Identity and Public Policy
- PA 5924  Intercultural Competence
- PA 8690  Gender/Bodies: Reproduction and Sexual Violence
- PA 5431  Public Policies on Work and Pay

* Suggestions listed above are drawn from regularly scheduled Humphrey School courses. A wide variety of suitable courses can also found in other units of the University of Minnesota. Students are encouraged to review these offerings in consultation with their faculty and professional advisor.

** Not all courses on this list are offered every year. Some courses may have prerequisites.

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