PAF Courses for Fall 2015

These courses are open to any student unless otherwise designated. Most courses 300 and above are only open to students who have taken PAF 101.

**PAF 101: Introduction to the Analysis of Public Policy (3 credits)** MWF 12:45-1:40. Taught by Professor Bill Coplin, this course is structured so that students practice the full set of skills employers want through the study of public policy.

**PAF 110: Public Service Practicum (1 credit)** T 5:00-6:20. Open to freshman, sophomores and juniors. Meets five times and requires 35 hours community service. Taught by Michelle Walker, this course provides students the opportunity to develop problem-solving and human relations skills while serving the Syracuse community.

**PAF 121: Leadership (1 credit)** Meets in different sections and taught by the staff of ORL, this course help students develop problem-solving and human relations skills while serving Syracuse University.

**PAF 315: Methods of Public Policy Analysis (3 credits)** W 2:15-5:00. Open only to Majors. Taught by Professor Bill Coplin, students complete a research project for a government or non-profit agency. One of two required capstone courses required for the major.

**PAF 351: Global Social Problems (3 credits)** M 2:15-5:00. Taught by Professor Allan Mazur, this course uses readings, film, and class discussion to look at global-level problems including war, social inequality, overpopulation, resource overuse, pollution, and climate change.

*PAF 410.1 Benchmarking (3 credits)* T TH 2-3:20. Open only to Majors or Minors or by Special Permission to students who have taken PAF 315. Taught by Carol Dwyer, students work in teams to conduct a major research project that results in a publication that is posted on the CBP website. The work is undertaken at the request of nonprofits or local government agencies and educational institutions.

*PAF 410.2 Non-Profits and Government (3 credits)* W 5:15-8. Open only to Majors or Minors or by Special Permission who have taken PAF 101. Taught by Frank Lazarski, this course requires a 90 hour internship in a local agency and provides students with practice in most of the skills employers want. Students complete their internship at a non-profit or government agency and develop a strategic plan for an item or funding need of that agency.

*NOTE: Majors are only required to take either section 1 or 2 of PAF 410 for the core but can take both with the second one used as a topical specialization. These courses serve as one of two required capstone courses for the major.*
PAF 410:3 Practicum of SU Policies (3 credits) Hybrid class Open only to students working for participating supervisors of programs at Syracuse University. Students must be approved by their supervisor and work at least 90 hours over the semester. This course requires completion of 135 hours of project and administrative work, including research and reflective work on the 10 skills sets as specified in Bill Coplin’s 10 Things Employers Want you to Learn in College. Students will learn complete a paper making a policy recommendation for the organization they are working for.

PAF 410.4 Local Government & Policy (3 credits) T 3:30-6:15 Open by Special Permission. Taught by former Onondaga County Executive Nick Pirro, this class introduces students to the structure of local government in Onondaga County and how policies are made. Students will prepare for and participate in a series of debates and a simulation of local government. There will also be field trips to observe local government in action. Students will prepare a series of papers on policy issues.

PAF 410.7 Philanthropy and Nonprofits (3 Credits) W 9:30-12:15 Permission required. Students will learn the history of philanthropy in the US and how non-profits operate by establishing a student-run “Foundation” which develops a mission statement and criteria for a Request for Proposal that will be sent to area nonprofits. Students will screen applications, evaluate the proposals submitted by nonprofits and award the winning organization approximately $5,000.

PAF 410:8: Housing (3 credits) TH 5:00-7:45 Open by Special Permission to students who have taken PAF 101 Taught by Paul Driscoll, City of Syracuse Commissioner, this course introduces housing policy at the federal, state and local level by looking at efforts in Syracuse to provide homeownership to the working poor and to improve the City’s housing stock.

PAF 410:14 Literacy in Urban Education (3 credits) Hybrid class Open only to Shaw Center Literacy Corps tutors working 8+ hours per week. Taught by Colleen Cicotta, this course requires completion of 135 hours of tutoring and administrative work, including research and reflective work on the 10 skills sets as specified in Bill Coplin’s 10 Things Employers Want you to Learn in College. Students will learn and implement effective strategies for supporting literacy skill development, be able to describe the complexities of urban public education and community based organizations, and how communities, schools, and organizations are interdependent, and develop skills essential to success in the professional world.

PAF 451: Environmental Policy: (3 credits) T 9:30-12:15. Taught by Professor Mazur, this small seminar examines problems and policies at the local, national, and international levels involving energy, toxics, sustainability, climate change, wilderness, and endangered species.

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