1. Course Objectives

This course addresses various views of the policymaking process in our national government and considers the different stages of policymaking, including how problems are defined, how new proposals emerge, and how certain solutions make it onto the national agenda and are debated before adoption, altered during implementation, and subsequently evaluated. We will also consider the role of politicians, experts, and bureaucrats in policymaking, study why specific policies were adopted, and debate whether these were the best possible policies.

2. Student Responsibilities and Grading

Grades will be determined as follows:

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Attendance and Participation: This class will involve critical analysis and discussion of the assigned texts. Students are expected to complete the readings in advance and come to class prepared to discuss them. Regular attendance is necessary for your success in this class. Lectures and discussions will often contain information not found in the readings. Active and valuable contributions to class discussion are part of your final grade. To ensure that students are completing the reading assignments, weekly quizzes will be given.

Four class absences will incur a forfeiture of the participation component of your grade. Students who are habitually tardy may also have their participation grade reduced.

Papers: There will be 2 papers assigned in this class. Papers should be approximately 7-10 pages in length. Paper topics will be distributed in class.

Papers must be handed in at the start of class on the day they are due. Late papers will be marked down one letter grade for the first day they are late and one-half a letter grade for each day thereafter (this includes weekends).
Midterm Exam. The midterm exam will be given in class on October 10.

Final Exam. The final exam will be 3 hours and will be administered on December 18, 1:30 pm. The final will consist of IDs and two essay questions. A selection of essay questions will be distributed on the last day of class; two of them will be on the final exam.

Academic Honesty. Please consult the Student Handbook for the College’s policy on academic honesty. Plagiarism of any kind will not be tolerated. All papers must have proper citations.

Disabilities. If you have a disability that will affect your participation in class please contact Erin Salva, Coordinator of Disability Services, at x5453 or by email.

3. Readings

4. Class Schedule

AUGUST

31 Introduction, Structure of the Welfare State

SEPTEMBER

3 Madison, Hamilton, and Jay, Federalist Paper #10 (Moodle)
   John Rawls, A Theory of Justice (Moodle)
   Max Weber, Economy and Society (Moodle)

I. Setting the Agenda: Theories of Issue Formation

5 Kingdon, pp. 1-20; 71-89


10 Kingdon, pp. 116-164.

12 Kingdon, pp. 165-195.

14 Baumgartner and Jones, pp. 1-12; 17-39.

17 Baumgartner and Jones, pp. 59-82; 93-102.

19 Baumgartner and Jones, pp. 193-325; 235-251.

II. National Health Insurance

21 Eric M. Patashnik, “Budgeting More, Deciding Less.” (Moodle)
   Paul Pierson, “From Expansion to Austerity: The New Politics of Taxing and Spending.” (Moodle)

24 Jacob Hacker, The Divided Welfare State, selections (Moodle)

26 Skocpol, pp. 1-47.

28 Skocpol, pp. 48-73.

OCTOBER
III. No Child Left Behind

10 Midterm
12 Fall Break
15 McGuinn, pp. 1-50.
17 McGuinn, pp. 51-104
19 McGuinn, pp. 105-164
22 McGuinn, pp. 165-210

IV. The Politics of Implementation


November

2 Kaufman, pp 1-8; 9-65 (skim); 66-87.
5 Kaufman, pp. 91-102; 107-112; 126-160.
7 Election Wrap-Up
12 Maynard-Moody and Musheno, pp. 3-50.
14 Maynard-Moody and Musheno, pp. 51-122.
16 Maynard-Moody and Musheno, pp. 123-165.
V. Policy Analysis

30 Hess and Finn, pp. 17-42; 121-222.

DECEMBER

3 Hess and Finn, pp. 267-308.

5 Hess and Finn, pp. 96-117; 309-329.

VI. Lawmaking Through Other Means

7 Derthick, *Up in Smoke*, Chapters 1-5.


14 Conclusion