



**KENTUCKY STATE
UNIVERSITY**

PUBLIC POLICY (PPL)

PPL 111: A Survey of Public Policy

This course offers a comprehensive introduction to the theory and practice of public policy in the modern world. Students will explore the processes of policy development, implementation, and analysis across various sectors such as health, education, environment, and social welfare. Through case studies and practical examples, the course examines the role of government institutions, non-governmental organizations, and stakeholders in shaping policy outcomes.

Credit Hours: 3

Contact Hours: 3

PPL 225: Urban Theory in Mod. Amer. Cit

This course will analyze the evolution of urban theory and cover the main theorists who have shaped its development. Urban theoretical approaches will be used to explain the actions and policies of American cities towards their own development. This course examines the political dynamics and governance structures shaping modern American cities, focusing on how power, policy, and social issues intersect in urban environments. Additionally, this course highlights the role of American Political economy in shaping the urban structure of cities.

Prerequisite: POS 201

Credit Hours: 3

Contact Hours: 3

PPL 245: Pub Pol. Leg.& Reg. Process

This course provides in-depth examination of the legislative and regulatory processes that shape public policy in modern governance. The course will cover the procedures whereby laws are proposed, debated, and enacted within legislative bodies, and how regulatory agencies implement and enforce those laws. Key topics include the roles of elected officials, interest groups, and bureaucratic institutions. The course emphasizes practical understanding through the analysis of contemporary issues as well as the tools to assess the complexities of policymaking and regulatory frameworks and its processes.

Prerequisite: PUB 111 and POS 101 or consent of instructor

Credit Hours: 3

Contact Hours: 3

PPL 390: Models of Pub Pol Making

This course provides an outline of the various models of how public policies are created in the United States and internationally. The course will examine key models such as rational choice, incrementalism, institutionalism, the advocacy coalition framework, and punctuated equilibrium theory, among others. The course emphasizes the ways in which these models explain the complexity of model formation, decision making, implementation, and evaluation in different political, economic, and social contexts. The assumptions, strengths, and limitations of each model are addressed.

Prerequisite: PUB 111, POS 101, PUB 245 or consent of instructor

Credit Hours: 3

Contact Hours: 3

PPL 440: Diplomacy & Leadership

This course explores the overlapping relationship between diplomacy and leadership in international relations, focusing on the skills, strategies, and principles that define effective diplomatic management. The course will examine the role of diplomacy in the implementation of U.S. foreign policy, negotiation, conflict resolution, and international cooperation, as well as the qualities of strong leadership in a complex global environment. Diplomatic protocols, cross-cultural communication, crisis management, and the evolving role of international organizations are assessed.

Prerequisite: POS 361 and POS 363 or consent of instructor

Credit Hours: 3

Contact Hours: 3