

MacMillan Center for International and Area Studies at Yale

Policy Studies Program

Description of the Policy Studies Program

Policy Studies at Yale brings to the International Affairs Council a specialized focus on policy-rich research and current policy perspectives in all areas of international relations, such as trade, development, environment, security, and foreign policy.

Building on this foundation, the program offers M.A. students in International Relations an opportunity to integrate a policy focus directly into their core areas of concentration, to help them gain a deeper understanding of the policy making process, and acquire the necessary tools to work successfully in the policy arena. In order to satisfy the Policy Studies requirement upon graduation, students need to complete at least five courses from a designated list of “policy cluster” courses, earning a minimum grade of HP in each. One of the five courses must be the IR Policy Workshop offered in the fall semester of their second year of study. All courses should be chosen in consultation with the Director of Policy Studies.

Policy Studies also coordinates a speaker series, which periodically invites policy experts and practitioners to lecture and give seminars at the MacMillan Center, and offers awards and grants to financially assist students in the program who are engaged in various policy-related activities.

Policy Cluster Courses

Each August, an updated list of policy relevant courses available to IR students for the upcoming academic year will be compiled (see reverse for this year’s list). The courses are drawn from departments and professional schools across the University, including: Anthropology, Economics, School of Public Health, Forestry & Environmental Studies, History, International Relations, Law, Management, and Political Science.

Courses are eligible for inclusion in the policy cluster if they have international or foreign relations relevancy and meet any one of the following three criteria:

- At least 25 percent of the course content directly relates to policymaking, policy decision-making, policy implementation, and/or policy analysis.
- At least 25 percent of the course assignments require policymaking/policy implementation analysis. This could mean 25 percent of all graded assignments (e.g., a “policy memo” worth 25 percent of the final grade), or 25 percent of specific graded assignments (e.g., 25 percent of exams/papers/term projects need to address policy implications, policy suggestions, and/or policy relevance).
- A course that does not meet these two criteria can, upon approval of the course instructor, and specific authorization of the Director of Policy Studies, be tailored to include assignments that fit the second criterion above.

Note that the annual list of policy courses exists as a perennial work in progress. If you believe a course should be added to the list, you may petition the Director of Policy Studies for its inclusion. This applies to courses from academic fields not normally included on the annual list.

Policy Cluster Courses for AY 2008-2009 (asterisk denotes limited enrollment course)

Fall 2008	Spring 2009
<p>MGT 526 Doing Business in the Developing World MGT 561/FES 83026 Tech, Society. & Environment MGT 561/ FES 86025a Energy Systems Analysis MGT 612 Program Evaluation MGT 684 Mgmt of the Env't: Issues and Topics MGT 685/FES 85030 Priv. Invest. & the Environ.</p> <p>ANTH 572a Disaster, Degradation, Dystopia ANTH 597 Soc. Sci. of Dev. And Conservation</p> <p>ECON 737a Economics of Natural Resources</p> <p>HIST 755a/INRL 648a Pax Britan. & Pax Americana HIST 985a Studies in Grand Strategy Part II*</p> <p>INRL 503a Health,Conflict & Soc. In the Arab World INRL 514a Global Infrastructure and Extrastatecraft INRL 549a EU's Contemporary Challenges INRL 570a For. Pol. Anal./Crisis Decision-Making INRL 682a Welfare States and Labor Markets INRL 720a Central Issues in Amer. Foreign Policy INRL 730a The UN & the Maint. Of Intl Security INRL 730a The UN & the Maint. Of Intl Security INRL 760a IR Policy Workshop INRL 743a Political Economy of For. Investment</p> <p>PLSC 662a Strategy, Technology & War PLSC 680a America at War PLSC 690a Third Parties in International Conflicts PLSC 759a Issues in the Analysis of African Politics</p> <p>LAW 20030 Military Justice LAW 20040 Public Order of the World Community LAW 20456 European Union LAW 20513 Immig,Citiz/Antidiscrim Policies/Laws* LAW 20514-01 Development and the Rule of law* LAW 20200 Law and Globalization* LAW 20461 Rights in Comparative Perspectives*</p> <p>F&ES 80075a Capitalism and its Critics F&ES 83050a Soc. & Environ: Intro Thry & Method F&ES 83072a Climate Change Adaptation in Dev. F&ES 85035a Intl Environmental Law and Policy F&ES 86048a Intro. To Planning and Development F&ES 86059a Cities & Sustnbly in the Dev. World</p> <p>EHS 570a Pub. Health Management of Disasters EHS 510a Contemporary Issues in Environ. Health CDE 541a Community Health Program Evaluation CDE 543a Global Aspects of Food and Nutrition CDE 588a Geog. of Health and Disease/Global Cntxt</p>	<p>MGT 536 Judgment and Negotiation MGT 568/FES 80031 Transp's Role Changing Econ MGT 582 Bus., Pub. Policy & the Info Economy MGT 655 Social Marketing MGT 820 Energy Markets Strategy</p> <p>AFST 630b Language Planning AFST 641b Funding, Civ. Society & Democratization</p> <p>ECON 708b International Economic Analysis ECON 732b Economic Development (IDE)</p> <p>HIST 759b Trans. of the Intl System, 1914-1991 HIST 943b Health Politics, Body Politics</p> <p>INRL 713b Shifting the Dev. Policy Paradigm INRL 725b Terrorism and Counterterrorism INRL 502b Health in Cnflt: Palestinian Population INRL 523b/PHIL 658b Phil & Poltcs: Global Health INRL 534b Dev. of the Intl Human Rights Regime INRL 588b Relig. Dimensions. Mid. E. Peace Process INRL 635b 25 Years in US/UK Relations INRL 654b Violence: State and Society INRL 685b Globzation, Multi-Nat Cos, Humn Rsrcees</p> <p>PLSC 681b The Use of Mil. Power in Intl Politics. PLSC 683b Europe, the US, & the Iraq Crisis PLSC 678b Japan and the World PLSC 714b Corruption, Econ. Dev, and Democracy*</p> <p>LAW 21321 Environmental Protection Clinic* LAW 21404 International Criminal Law* LAW 21508 Law and Globalization LAW 21460 Public Order of the World Community LAW 21391 Civil Lib & Natl Security After 9/11* LAW 21033/FES 85033 Environ. Law and Policy LAW 21009 Intl Human Rights: Law and Policy LAW 21566 Law of Climate Change</p> <p>F&ES 255b Environmental Politics and Law* F&ES 80004b The Econ. of Environ. & Sust. Dev. F&ES 80015b Natural Resource Policy Practicum F&ES 80077b Urbaniz, Glob. Change & Sustain. F&ES 80079b Environ. Law & Gov: Asian Chall. F&ES 83027b Large-Scale Conservation F&ES 83064b Energy Issues in Developing Countries F&ES 85036b Found. of Nat. Res. Pol. & Mgmnt F&ES 86024b Transp. & Urban Land Use Planning</p> <p>HPA 595b Econ, Soc, Pol Dimensions of Devlpmnt HPA 588b Health and Human Rights*</p>