

SOCIAL POLICY (SOC_POL)

SOC_POL 251-0 Special Topics (1 Unit) Foundational work on special topics.

SOC_POL 303-0 Social Opportunity and Educational Policy (1 Unit)
This course critically examines how educational systems and students' social contexts contribute to the perpetuation or reduction of social inequalities across the educational pipeline, from kindergarten through higher education.

SOC_POL 312-0 Social Policymaking and Implementation (1 Unit)
Examines the process by which social policies are made, the process and realities of their implementation, and the attendant politics.

SOC_POL 313-0 Race, Inequality, and the Political Analysis of Public Policy (1 Unit) The purpose of this course is to make you a better political analyst. This course will familiarize you with substantive research on politics that has concrete insights for reformers, political advocates, and other public policy stakeholders. The class will cover substantive issues in politics along with how they intersect with class, race, gender and partisanship. While the main focus of the course is to discuss critical issues, there will also be an emphasis on public policy and political science writing formats, styles and standards.

SOC_POL 315-0 Global Human Trafficking (1 Unit) We will examine the context of modern slavery against a backdrop of colonialism and slavery to understand key features of modern slavery, both as the crime is perpetuated and variations in legal definitions.

SOC_POL 330-0 Economics of Social Policy (1 Unit) Economic concepts and empirical tools to analyze the design and effects of social policies. Topics include the social safety net, health insurance, minimum wage, and taxation. Pre-Requisites are Econ 281 and Econ 310-1 or SESP 310 for SESP students. SOC_POL 330-0 and ECON 333-0 are taught together; may not receive credit for both. SESP students must register for SOC_POL 330-0.

SOC_POL 331-0 Economics of Inequality and Discrimination (1 Unit)
Economic concepts and empirical tools to analyze the causes and consequences of inequality and discrimination. Topics include housing policy, crime, earnings inequality, and the role of education. Prerequisites: ECON 202-0 (Intro to Microeconomics) or equivalent and a 200-level statistics class (SESP 210-0, STAT 202-0, STAT 210-0 and PSYCH 201-0 are all suitable).

SOC_POL 332-0 Economics of Education Policy (1 Unit) Economic concepts and empirical tools to analyze the design and effects of education policies, including school choice, accountability, education finance, class size policy, and teacher compensation and retention. Prerequisites: ECON 202-0 (Intro to Microeconomics) or equivalent and a 200-level statistics class (SESP 210-0, STAT 202-0, STAT 210-0 and PSYCH 201-0 are all suitable).

SOC_POL 333-0 Economics of Health, Human Capital, and Happiness (1 Unit) In this course students will learn the toolbox of causal inference econometrics with applications to the economics of health, human capital, and subjective wellbeing. The empirical methods we will cover include multivariate regressions, panel data, difference-in-difference designs, instrumental variables, randomized control trials, and regression discontinuities. Health, human capital, and subjective wellbeing ("happiness") are core dimensions of social welfare and inequality in our society. To develop effective social policies, however, it is crucial to understand the causal mechanisms driving these factors. Prerequisites: ECON 202-0 (Intro to Microeconomics) or equivalent and a 200-level

statistics class (SESP 210-0, STAT 202-0, STAT 210-0 and PSYCH 201-0 are all suitable).

SOC_POL 334-0 Quantitative Tools for Policy Analysis (1 Unit) Hands on analysis of the real time challenges facing a range of policy areas and industries across federal and state governments and the private sector.
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SOC_POL 335-0 Women and American Political Leadership (1 Unit)
With women comprising 51% of the American population, yet having significantly lower political representation, we will explore the evolution of women's political leadership in our nation.

SOC_POL 336-0 Contemporary Issues in Social Policy (1 Unit) The class is designed to provide an overview of current social policy issues, equipping students with a broad knowledge base on each topic.

SOC_POL 337-0 The Social Side of College: Understanding the Lives of Undergraduate Students (1 Unit) This course presents sociological approaches to understanding the social side of college and how it matters for students' lived experiences, identities, politics, and meaning-making. The course will explore a range of topics, from how four-year colleges support meaning systems to how they provide the settings for peer processes of social evaluation, inclusion, and exclusion.

SOC_POL 338-0 Child & Family Policy: Poverty and Education Policy in Sociohistorical Context (1 Unit) This course systematically explores the complex issues families face in American society through studying poverty and inequality in the United States, with specific attention towards history, measurement, welfare, and housing. Students then consider one cause and solution of poverty for families—education—from early childhood to adulthood.

SOC_POL 339-0 Impacts of Education Policy on the Classroom (1 Unit) This course explores how federal and state-level education policy impacts educators and their daily work in schools.

SOC_POL 340-0 Intersectionality, Measurement and Public Policy (1 Unit) Explore how considering identity as intersectional alters understanding of policy, and what policy should address. Importantly, this course will consider how to incorporate intersectionality into a basic framework of research and analysis.

SOC_POL 351-0 Special Topics in Social Policy (1 Unit) Advanced work on special topics.