



INTERDISCIPLINARY ARTS & SCIENCES GRADUATE PROGRAMS

# Policy Studies Elective

## Pre-fall 2009

### BPOLST 592 Topics in Policy Research: State and Local Policy, Analysis & Performance Measures

Saturdays 8:30 am - 1:00 pm (9/19, 9/26, 10/3, 10/10)

Tuesday & Thursday 5:45 - 10:05 pm (9/29, 10/1)

In this course, students learn and apply tools of policy analysis and performance measures that are required for policy analysis, implementation, and evaluation at a state and county level. The instructors will identify appropriate cases for this course in the areas of education policy, environmental policy, and others. Students also have the opportunity to select agencies/policy issues of their interest that they study in the individual modules in this course. We begin with an overview of state-level policy making and its relationship with federal and local policies. The remainder of the course is organized in four modules on data and analytical tools required in the following four domains: (1) legislature, (2) county government and its links to state policies, (3) independent research firms, and (4) comparative state analysis. Each module builds on one or two cases from this domain with a hands-on analytical component.

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