

The Heller School for Social Policy and Management

Courses of Study:
Master of Arts
Master of Business Administration
Master of Science
Doctor of Philosophy

Objectives

The Heller School offers four degree programs designed explicitly to bridge the gap between theory and practice. Our Doctoral Program in Social Policy (Ph.D.) educates students for careers in research, teaching, social planning, administration, and policy analysis. Our M.B.A. (human services) program in mission-driven management prepares leaders for management positions within nonprofit, for-profit, and public institutions pursuing social missions. Our Master of Arts Program in Sustainable International Development (M.A.) imparts the knowledge and skills necessary to design and manage local, regional, national, or international development, and our Master of Science in International Health Policy and Management (M.Sc.) trains young professionals to play increasingly responsible roles in the health and well-being of the world's poorest children and families. All Heller students are committed to bettering human welfare, particularly for those who are vulnerable and who lack the capacity or resources to secure their own well being.

How to Be Admitted to The Heller School for Social Policy and Management

Requests for information about the Ph.D. in social policy and M.B.A. (human services) programs should be addressed to the Admissions Office, The Heller School for Social Policy and Management, MS 035, Brandeis University, P.O. Box 549110, Waltham, MA 02454-9110. Telephone: 800-279-4105. Fax: 781-736-3881. Email: HellerAdmissions@brandeis.edu.

For information about the M.A. in sustainable international development and M.Sc. in international health policy and management programs, contact the SID Admissions Office, MS 078, Brandeis University, P.O. Box 549110, Waltham, MA 02454-9110. Telephone: 781-736-2770. Fax: 781-736-2774. Email: sidrecruit@brandeis.edu.

Application deadlines are December 15 for the Ph.D. in social policy, February 15 for the part-time and full-time M.B.A. (human services) program beginning in June, November 1 for part-time M.B.A. (human services) program beginning in January, and June 1 for applications to the M.A. program in sustainable international development, the M.Sc. program in international health policy and management, and the part-time M.B.A. (human services) program beginning in the fall.

Faculty

Jack Shonkoff, Dean

See the School's catalog for full faculty listing.

Requirements for the Degree of Master of Arts in Sustainable International Development

Program of Study

Students must successfully complete eight full-semester or equivalent module courses and a master's project. In the two-year program, students take required full and half-semester courses that concentrate on poverty, community development, gender, and the environment for the first year. During spring semester, students work with a primary advisor to plan a second-year master's project that can be an internship at a development organization, field-based project, or advanced study at Brandeis. In the second year, students must complete a master's paper under the supervision of a Brandeis advisor. All students return to campus at the end of the second year to share the results of their master's projects at a Capstone Week.

The one-year Accelerated Track M.A. in sustainable international development exempts a select group of advanced development practitioners from the second-year internship while raising the academic requirements for them during their year-in-residence. Accelerated Track students enter with all other incoming students in late August and fulfill all course requirements for the existing program over the fall and spring semesters. Students pursuing the Accelerated Track are required to write a master's paper during the year-in-residence that applies development theory and skills to solving a real development problem recently encountered in their own work. Students will propose the topic as part of their application to the program.

Residence Requirement

One year in residence as a full-time student.

Master's Project

The master's paper is required for the granting of the degree.

Requirements for the Degree of Master of Business Administration (Human Services)

Program of Study

Students must successfully complete 17 full-semester or equivalent module courses as approved by the program director: 12 required courses in management, one management elective, and four policy electives. Students may opt to concentrate in health care; child, youth, and family services; general human services; or sustainable development.

Residence Requirement

Students must be in residence for a minimum of 15 months: one academic year and two summers, beginning in June.

Team Consulting Project

Students must complete a Team Consulting Project, including a written report and oral presentation. Working under the supervision of a faculty advisor, teams of three to five students provide management consulting services to a community-based health or human services agency during a two-and-a-half to three-month period.

Dual Master's Program: Heller/Hornstein

This program prepares professional leaders who combine the highest level of management skills with broad knowledge of the contemporary Jewish world. The program is a blending of The Heller School's rigorous management curriculum with the Hornstein Program's integrated approach to Jewish communal work. Graduates of the dual degree program receive two master's degrees: a Master of Arts in Jewish communal service from the Hornstein Program and a Master of Business Administration (Human Services) from The Heller School.

Admission

Students applying to this program are expected to have demonstrated professional and academic capability and the capacity for sustaining an intensive program of study. Applicants must submit an application to both the Graduate School of Arts and Sciences and The Heller School.

Program of Study

There are 24 required courses as approved by the program director—12 at Heller and 12 at Hornstein, including one in Israel. In addition there are two academic years of supervised fieldwork experiences in Boston-area Jewish organizations and a Team Consulting Project, as required in The Heller School curriculum.

Residence Requirement

27 months (two academic years and two summers) in residence are required. The program begins in June.

Language Requirement

Candidates are expected to establish competence in Hebrew.

Requirements for the Degree of Master of Science in International Health Policy and Management

Program of Study

Students must successfully complete 10 full-semester or equivalent module courses. Students may decide to focus on either a policy track or a management track. Students must also take workshops during the winter break that include short two to three day sessions to build personal competencies useful to management including self-analysis of management style, interpersonal communications, exercises in delegating tasks or in mediating conflict. Participatory skill-building workshops complement classroom learning about health management and human resource management. The Master of Science culminates in a Capstone Seminar in which students focus on a particular issue and apply the analytical and managerial skills that they are developing to a specific problem.

Residence Requirement

One year in residence as a full-time student.

Requirements for the Degree of Doctor of Philosophy in Social Policy

Program of Study

Students entering the Ph.D. Program in social policy must complete a total of 15 courses as approved by the program director: three required core courses in social policy analysis, three required and two elective courses in research methods/statistics, three courses related to an area of policy concentration, and four open electives. Successful completion of a dissertation seminar related to one's area of concentration is also required. Students may specialize in health (including substance abuse); children, youth, and families; or social and economic inequalities.

Residence Requirement

The minimum residence for the Doctor of Philosophy in social policy is two years.

Qualifying Paper

Upon completion of coursework, each student must complete an integrative comprehensive paper. This paper is usually administered at the end of the student's fourth semester.

Dissertation and Final Oral Examination

A dissertation proposal should be submitted soon after the comprehensive paper is completed. The dissertation committee consists of four members—at least two members from the Heller faculty and at least one member from outside of The Heller School or outside the University. Students may elect to write the dissertation in either a three-paper academic-journal format or the monograph format. To be granted the degree, the student is required to defend the dissertation in a public Final Oral Examination.

Requirements for the Joint Degree of Doctor of Philosophy in Social Policy and Sociology

Program of Study

Students entering the joint Ph.D. Program in social policy and sociology are expected to complete a total of 18 courses as approved by the program director. At least nine of these courses must be offered by the Brandeis sociology department—six of these courses must be graduate seminars and the remaining three may be advanced undergraduate/graduate seminars or directed readings; at least one of these must be a sociology theory course. A minimum of nine courses must be taken within The Heller School and at least one of these courses must be on quantitative research methodology (e.g., HS 401b Research Methods). In addition, in their first year, students are required to participate in a year-long, noncredit Proseminar that introduces the program's faculty and their research interests.

Students are assigned advisors from the sociology department and from The Heller School. Advisors in both departments work together with students to assure appropriate coherency in their program of courses. An interdepartmental meeting between advisors and students should take place at least once a year.

Residence Requirement

The minimum residence for the joint degree of Doctor of Philosophy in social policy and sociology is three years.

Language Requirement

There is no foreign language requirement for the joint Ph.D. degree.

Qualifying Examinations

Each student must complete a “comprehensive paper” as required in The Heller School curriculum. Students must also show competence in two areas of sociology, as certified through the Guidance-Accreditation Committee (GAC) process (the sociology department equivalent of comprehensive exams). Students elect two areas of interest and develop a contractual set of requirements with a faculty member of each area. When both GACs are completed there is a meeting (typically one to two hours) to discuss the student’s interests, directions in the field, and the upcoming dissertation.

Dissertation and the Final Oral Examination

A dissertation proposal should be submitted soon after the comprehensive examination and GACs are completed. The dissertation committee should consist of five members—two faculty members each from the sociology department and The Heller School and one outside member. The joint Ph.D. dissertation may be accepted by the sociology department and The Heller School upon the recommendation of the dissertation committee. To be granted the degree, the student is required to defend the dissertation in a public Final Oral Examination.

Special Notes Relating to the Doctoral Program

Students enrolled in the Ph.D. Program in Social Policy may elect to pursue a joint master’s degree in women’s studies and social policy, with the program director’s permission as well as the agreement of the Women’s Studies Program. This degree option replaces a master’s degree in social policy in the student’s program and is generally entered prior to the award of a doctoral degree in social policy. The joint degree provides students an opportunity to mesh The Heller School’s social policy research and analytical training with issues that affect women. The joint M.A is for a select group of students interested in pursuing an additional interdisciplinary perspective. Students in the program must be willing to do additional coursework, take part in a proseminar, and write a master’s thesis.

Courses of Instruction

(100-199) For Both Undergraduate and Graduate Students

HS 104b American Health Care

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Examines and critically analyzes the United States health care system, emphasizing the major trends and issues that have led to the current sense of “crisis.” In addition to providing a historical perspective, this course will establish a context for analyzing the current, varied approaches to health care reform. Usually offered every year. Messrs. Altman and Thier

HS 110a Wealth and Poverty

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Examines why the gap between richer and poorer citizens appears to be widening in the United States and elsewhere, what could be done to reverse this trend, and how the widening disparity affects major issues of public policy. Usually offered every year. Mr. Reich

HS 120a Race and the Law

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This course may not be repeated for credit by students who have taken WMNS 120a in previous years.

Explores how race has been defined and used to uphold or undermine the principles espoused in the Constitution and other sources of the law in the United States. Issues discussed range from treatment of Native Americans at the nation’s birth to the modern concept of affirmative action. One of our premises is that ideally the law represents the synthesis of the narratives of various elements of a society. Usually offered every year. Ms. Hill

HS 124a Dilemmas of Long-Term Care

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Fifty million Americans have a disability. What kinds of help do they want? What are the responsibilities of families, friends, and communities to help? Current U.S. approaches to service delivery, financing, and organization are reviewed, and alternatives considered. Usually offered every second year. Mr. Leutz

(200 and above) Primarily for Graduate Students

HS 215b Corporate Finance

Prerequisites: HS 251a and HS 280a.

Introduces the modern theory of corporate finance and the institutional background of financial instruments and markets. Considers ways to measure value. Explores alternative forms of financing and ways to analyze them. Considers the financing tools appropriate for for-profit and nonprofit organizations. Mr. Friedman

HS 225a Fundraising and Development

Examines the critical role of fundraising and development in successful nonprofit organizations. Students learn to analyze, plan, and evaluate a comprehensive fundraising program and to create elements of a professional fundraising portfolio. Explores management and leadership issues associated with the rapidly changing field of development and philanthropy. Mr. Whalen

HS 229f Health Financing in Developing Countries

Meets for one-half semester and yields half-course credit.

Examines the mobilization of resources for the health system as a whole, and the funding of individual providers for health services in developing countries. Provides the tools for examining broad reforms as well as refinements of individual components of the health care system. Mr. Shepard

HS 233a Managing Policy and Practice Change in Health Services

Begins with definitions of policy and how policy is made, from both theoretical and practical perspectives. Examines several frameworks for analyzing policy implementation and for planning implementation strategies. Several sessions will focus on the management skills and tools useful to planning and managing the implementation of policy change. Students will have the opportunity to bring conceptual knowledge and skills together in analysis of several case studies. Ms. Holcombe

HS 234f National Health Accounts: Applications to Low and Middle Income Countries

Meets for one-half semester and yields half-course credit.

National Health Accounts (NHA) is a globally accepted framework and approach for measuring total national health expenditure. Provides an overview of the concepts and methodology of NHA. Students will understand the international classification systems used to categorize health expenditures, be able to construct NHA tables, and understand the uses to which NHA data can be put. Mr. Nandakumar

HS 236a International Health System

Studies how global movements in dealing with health have shaped health systems, the emerging challenges developing countries are facing, and how these might affect health systems. Students will study the link between health and development, how health systems are organized, how health care is financed, the role of public and private sectors in providing health care, regulation, and consumer behavior.
Mr. Nandakumar

HS 237f M.Sc. Capstone I

Meets for one-half semester and yields half-course credit.

Provides focused attention on health policy and management topics that are of especial significance and require in-depth exploration. Uses fundamental and core readings on each topic, supplemented by descriptions and analyses of health care programs and interventions relevant to each topic.

Ms. Bhalotra

HS 238f M.Sc. Capstone II

Meets for one-half semester and yields half-course credit.

Integrates all aspects of the M.Sc. curriculum. Management and policy aspects in this course span mission, strategy, and operations. Students are expected to incorporate lessons from their previous coursework including, management concepts and techniques and policy frameworks to assess decision-making, planning, implementation, and evaluation issues at the organizational, institutional, and individual levels.

Ms. Bhalotra

HS 244f Nonprofit Law, Governance, and Structure

Meets for one-half semester and yields half-course credit.

Covers the legal structures under which non-profit organizations are organized and the responsibilities implied by those structures. Students learn the roles and responsibilities of non-profit boards of directors, ingredients for improving the effectiveness of boards, and skills for managing the board-staff relationship.

Ms. Babcock

HS 245f Economics

Meets for one-half semester and yields half-course credit.

Begins with the analysis of markets, and introduces the concept of market failure. Considers the theory of the firm, modifications necessary for mission-driven organizations, and special economic issues that arise for mission-driven organizations.
Mr. Friedman

HS 246f Statistics

Meets for one-half semester and yields half-course credit.

Presents students with an introduction to the fundamentals of parametric statistics. Covers the essentials required for students to understand issues related to measurement and how to generate descriptive information and statistical analyses from these measurements. Focuses primarily on understanding the importance of summary measures along with a study of fundamental statistical distributions.

Mr. Fournier

HS 247f Evaluation for Managers

Meets for one-half semester and yields half-course credit.

Focuses on program evaluation techniques of interest to managers, including balanced scorecard methods, needs assessment, participatory evaluation methods, process/implementation analysis, impact analysis, cost-benefit analysis, and utilization-focused evaluation. These techniques are discussed in the context of building "learning organizations" that enable the organization and its managers to know if they are succeeding.

Mr. Hahn

HS 248b Financial Management

Prerequisite: HS 251a.

Develops students as educated consumers of financial information. Covers financial management problems encountered by today's human service professionals in a real-world perspective based on sound financial and accounting theory. Includes topics such as financial statement analysis, budget development and control, managing growth, cash flow management, and management controls.

Mr. McLaughlin

HS 249f Social Justice, Management, and Policy

Meets for one-half semester and yields half-course credit.

Allows students the opportunity to explore the management implications of "Knowledge Advancing Social Justice." Examines historical and contemporary thinkers, justice issues, and management activities. Students grapple with the daily management dilemmas faced by managers and change agents inside and outside organizations.

Ms. Bhalotra and Ms. Curnan

HS 250a Financial Accounting

Develops a fundamental understanding of financial accounting and reporting issues as they apply to nonprofit and for-profit organizations. Students will learn about the importance of fiscal responsibility and integrity in the efficient utilization of an organization's resources relative to organizational goals. Accounting practices that are unique to non-profit organizations will be introduced, discussed and differentiated from those practices employed by for-profit entities. Emphasis

will be placed on interpreting financial statements to understand how accounting information, in a variety of settings, can be utilized by decision makers.

Ms. Anderson

HS 251a Managerial Accounting and Control

Prerequisite: HS 250a.

Provides conceptual and technical skills needed to manage special financial and strategic control problems facing health and human services managers. Topics include product and service costing, budgeting, capital acquisitions, pricing, and performance evaluation.

Ms. Anderson or Mr. Keith

HS 251f Managerial Accounting

Meets for one-half semester and yields half-course credit.

Provides general introduction to the concepts, problems, and issues related to managerial accounting. Managerial accounting predominantly addresses the internal use of economic information regarding the resources used in the process of producing goods and providing services. Fundamental aspects of cost behavior and cost accounting will be discussed, but always from the perspective of the manager who must make decisions rather than the accountant who prepares the information.

Ms. Anderson

HS 252b Strategic Management

Teaches students the theoretical constructs and practical tools necessary to create and manage organizations strategically. Includes strategic process, organizational design, and development of planning tools and cycles. All students perform an applied strategic analysis for an actual organization.

Ms. Babcock or Mr. McLaughlin

HS 253b Leadership and Organizational Behavior

Focuses on leadership and managing organizations. Uses cases on a variety of organizations to expose students to problems and to improve their effectiveness in analyzing, diagnosing, and leading people in organizations. Students learn organizational concepts, analytic frameworks, models, and practice their leadership skills in class. Uses case discussions, simulations, role-playing, mini-lecturing, and experimental exercises. Provides an opportunity to develop leadership skills through group work and reflection.

Mr. Chilingirian

HS 254a Human Resource Management

Considers how human resource management might aid in achieving organizational excellence. Focuses on the development of concepts and strategies that can increase your effectiveness in developing policies and practices to enhance the value of people in the organizations you serve.

Ms. Gittel

HS 255a Management Information Systems

Explores the role that information plays in achieving organizational objectives, and how information systems can effectively manage the flow of information. Focuses attention on assessing the informational needs of organizations and their members and on developing information systems for meeting those needs.

Mr. Fournier or Ms. Gittell

HS 256f Community Building for Managers

Meets for one-half semester and yields half-course credit.

Focuses on the elasticity of the term "community building," some historical themes, and how a term originally focused mostly on neighborhood revival is now also used in the context of building stronger ties among people who share specific interests and used by managers who would like to reinvent the workplace around community principles. With community building jargon increasingly entering into management and public policy literature, managers must understand the parameters of this "movement" and acquaint themselves with some of the skills and developments that people doing this work have found useful.

Mr. Hahn

HS 257f Conflict Resolution by Negotiation

Meets for one-half semester and yields half-course credit.

Develops in students an understanding of the nature, advantages, and limitations of negotiations as a conflict resolution tool. Provides a normative and practical framework for pursuing a negotiation strategy as a method of resolving disputes. Provides students with opportunities to apply this knowledge in a variety of simulated negotiation contexts. Finally, exposes students to feedback regarding their negotiation approaches via explicit instructor evaluation and via the impact of their actions on their teammates and opponents.

Mr. Prottas

HS 258a Service Operations Management

Prerequisite: HS 280a or 282a.

Explores how operations management skills can help organizations to deliver high-quality services, while using resources efficiently. Students develop skills including quality assessment, process mapping, productivity analysis, wait time analysis, and scheduling.

Ms. Gittell

HS 259a Topics in Sustainable Development

Topics may include, but are not limited to, the following: household economics; culture, power, and development; masculinity and gender; HIV/AIDS as a public policy issue; gender and globalization; and theories of social change.

Staff

HS 259f Topics in Sustainable Development

Meets for one-half semester and yields half-course credit.

Topics may include, but are not limited to, the following: household economics; culture, power, and development; masculinity and gender; HIV/AIDS as a public policy issue; gender and globalization; and theories of social change.

Staff

HS 261b Rights-Based Approaches to Development

Serves two purposes: first, to provide students with a solid understanding of international human rights standards and systems; and second, to explore in some depth the implications of a rights-based approach to poverty and to development.

Ms. Green

HS 262f Culture, Power, and Development

Meets for one-half semester and yields half-course credit.

Students engage with constructs of cultural superiority, debate about modernization, and learn about what motivates individual and cultural change. Students are introduced to alternative theoretical approaches to culture and development and learn how to apply those theories to different historic contexts as well as contemporary situations.

Ms. Ready

HS 263f Applied Geographic Information Systems (GIS)

Meets for one-half semester and yields half-course credit. Prerequisite: HS297F or permission of the instructor.

Builds on the introductory GIS course, further enabling students to develop technical skills in the use of ARCVIEW GIS software; qualitative skills in data gathering, analysis, and presentation; and potential of GIS as a tool for planning and evaluating development projects. Includes a computer lab.

Mr. Lakshmikanthan

HS 264b Natural Resource Management and Coexistence

Focuses on the historical and political backdrop to conflict over resources and on generalizations derived about these conflicts. The class examines several case histories on basic principles of cooperation in the management of natural resources. Identifies potential areas of future cooperation that could lead to coexistence of ethnic or economic groups within a country, between neighboring countries using the same resources, or of larger regions where group members may have different requirements.

Mr. Klein

HS 264f Principles of Ecology for Development Planners

Meets for one-half semester and yields half-course credit.

Introduces ecological principles that influence the sustainability of national and local development programs throughout the world.

Mr. Olson

HS 265f Applied Ecology for Development Planners

Prerequisite: HS 264f. Meets for one-half semester and yields half-course credit.

Deepens the understanding of ecology through the exploration of case studies of development programs.

Mr. Klein

HS 266f Economic Concepts for Development Practitioners

Meets for one-half semester and yields half-course credit.

Covers basic principles of microeconomics, focusing on the supply and demand framework with applications and examples to developing countries.

Mr. Godoy or Mr. Suaya

HS 268f Principles of Law and Development

Meets for one-half semester and yields half-course credit.

Through a primer on law and legal institutions, examines the use of the legal order to solve problems of poverty, vulnerability, and environmental degradation in developing nations.

Ms. Powell-Willingham

HS 269f Food Security and Nutrition

Meets for one-half semester and yields half-course credit.

Explores how international and national agencies define and measure food security and nutritional status and set goals for strategic interventions.

Mr. Lockwood

HS 271a Framework for Development

Provides a conceptual umbrella to all the coursework in the SID program. Introduces students to the major currents of thinking about sustainable development. Topics include poverty, inequality, globalization, human rights, the environment, and the role of institutions. Students examine what is known about the drivers of development as well as the links between global and national policies, and actions for sustainable development.

Mr. Godoy, Ms. Green, Ms. Holcombe, and Mr. Kamal

HS 272f Creating Microfinance Institutions and Partnerships

Meets for one-half semester and yields half-course credit.

Covers building and staffing large-scale, cost-effective microfinance institutions and explores strategies for partnerships with local NGOs and village level organizations to expand outreach.

Mr. Ashe

HS 273b Applied Ecology in Sustainable Development

Applies basic concepts governing terrestrial and aquatic ecosystem functions to the special problems of development. Achieving sustainable management of ecological processes by preserving and restoring biotic integrity is presented in case histories.

Compatibility of agriculture, forestry, and fisheries with habitat preservation will be discussed.

Mr. Klein

HS 274a Directed Readings in Sustainable Development

Usually offered every year.

Staff

HS 274b Directed Readings in Sustainable Development

Usually offered every year.

Staff

HS 274f Directed Readings in Sustainable Development

Meets for one-half semester and yields half-course credit.

Usually offered every semester.

Staff

HS 275a Directed Research in Sustainable Development

Usually offered every year.

Staff

HS 275b Directed Research in Sustainable Development

Usually offered every year.

Staff

HS 275f Directed Research in Sustainable Development

Meets for one-half semester and yields half-course credit.

Usually offered every semester.

Staff

HS 276f World Health

Meets for one-half semester and yields half-course credit.

A primer on major diseases and problems of health care in developing nations. Topics include descriptions of disease incidence and prevalence, including infectious, chronic, and mental disease; determinants of health, including culture and behavior; the role of nutrition, education, and reproductive trends and poverty; demographic transitions, including aging and urbanization; the structure and financing of health systems; and the globalization of health.

Ms. Bhalotra

HS 277f Planning and Implementation: A Primer

Meets for one-half semester and yields half-course credit.

Studies analytical methods utilized in development planning. The issues and methods of project implementation are taught. Drawing on case studies the class examines the complex interactions between beneficiary communities, social mobilization, training, marketing strategies, and other factors that affect achievements.

Mr. Raheem

HS 278f Monitoring and Evaluation

Meets for one-half semester and yields half-course credit.

Explores issues and methods of development project monitoring and evaluation, including economic, social, and environmental issues, and how these functions are critical to project management.

Mr. Raheem

HS 279a Planning and Implementation: Concepts and Methods

For students who wish to study in more depth analytical methods utilized in development planning. Issues and methods of project implementation are discussed, and drawing on case studies, the course examines the complex interactions between beneficiary communities, social mobilization and leadership, participation and training, and other factors that affect accountability and achievement.

Mr. Simon

HS 280a Statistics for Managers

Provides students with knowledge of basic statistical concepts and methods used by managers. Enables participants to prepare, review, and critically analyze numerical descriptions of the various activities and responsibilities associated with health and human services management.

Staff

HS 280f Micro-Enterprise Development and Finance

Meets for one-half semester and yields half-course credit.

Covers a broad range of operational issues related to the design, implementation, and evaluation of microfinance initiatives reflecting a range of methodologies and approaches.

Mr. Ashe or Staff

HS 281f The Learning Organization: Research and Advocacy

Meets for one-half semester and yields half-course credit.

Introduces concepts and methods for using organizational program experience to strengthen internal management, program planning, and public policy. Examines the experience of noted NGOs.

Mr. DeRosa

HS 282a Measurement and Statistical Analysis for Managers

Provides students with the background needed to use statistics for descriptive and analytical purposes. Provides a solid framework for understanding the myriad uses of data in management. The basic concepts and statistical methods used by managers are studied, especially as they relate to the various activities and responsibilities associated with health and human services management.

Staff

HS 282f Environmental Impact Assessment

Meets for one-half semester and yields half-course credit.

A primer on the basic concepts and methods of formal environmental impact assessments and adaptations for community-led small projects.

Mr. Boyer

HS 283f Gender and Development

Meets for one-half semester and yields half-course credit.

Gender, as a social construct, is explored in diverse cultures and societies. Examines gender's major influence on the development process.

Ms. D. Williams

HS 284f Gender Analysis in Development Planning

Meets for one-half semester and yields half-course credit.

Examines recent concepts and methods for gender analysis as an integral factor in program planning across cultures.

Ms. D. Williams

HS 285a Marketing

An overview of marketing with a focus on how to formulate marketing strategies and identify and evaluate strategic-based tactics in order to achieve organizational marketing goals. Topics include strategic market planning, market research and analysis; consumer behavior; market segmentation, targeting, and positioning; social marketing; and the marketing mix—product, price, distribution, promotion, and marketing communications.

Staff

HS 285f Right-Based Approach to Development

Meets for one-half semester and yields half-course credit.

Provides a broad introduction to international human rights laws, mechanisms, and practices, including special protections for vulnerable groups and the key debates underpinning the rights-based approach to development and poverty. Also covers the international and regional institutions that exist to protect human rights.

Mr. Raheem

HS 286f Civil Society and Non-Governmental Organizations

Meets for one-half semester and yields half-course credit.

The phenomenal growth in non-governmental organizations throughout the world in the past two decades has transformed the delivery of development assistance and relationships between the north and south. Examines the nature of civil society, types of and relationships among NGOs, and NGO relationships with the state, multilateral and bilateral organizations, and community organizations.

Mr. Short or Mr. Simon

HS 287f Land Reform: Models and Experience

Meets for one-half semester and yields half-course credit.

Examines the evolution of land reform theory and practice around the world, including the current model encouraged by the World Bank.

Mr. Simon or Staff

HS 288f Sustainable Energy: Technology and Economics

Meets for one-half semester and yields half-course credit.

On global and community levels energy remains a constraint to development and often has negative environmental impacts. Technologies for cheap and renewable energies are opening up new possibilities for poor communities. Explores several of those technologies and their economies.

Mr. Kamal

HS 289f The Demographics of Development

Meets for one-half semester and yields half-course credit.

A primer on population growth and the socio-economic dynamics of reducing fertility rates.

Ms. Holcombe

HS 290a Economic Analysis for Managers

Introduces economic approaches to managerial and policy decision-making. Covers supply and demand, market structures, pricing and market failure, as well as useful tools such as optimization and game theory. Concepts are reinforced with case analyses and examples from the health and human services sectors. Some calculus required.

Mr. Hodgkin

HS 291f Development in Conflict Situations

Meets for one-half semester and yields half-course credit.

Enhances skills in humanitarian work in conflict situations by looking at concrete practices and reflecting on fundamental issues involved. Gives a broad look at different aspects of work in conflict situations. The theory of the course is rooted in the analysis that there is not a relief-development continuum but rather different processes that go back and forth between each other. Aims to give students an overall framework for looking at humanitarian work in conflict situations by giving an overview of the issues and debates in development theory.

Ms. Thompson

HS 292f Geographic Information Systems for Development Planners

Meets for one-half semester and yields half-course credit. Prerequisite: HS297F or permission of instructor.

Meets the growing demand for GIS in international development planning and provides students with hands-on experience in implementing a GIS, with emphasis on data analysis and presentation. Prepares students for extensive use of GIS in their second-year master's project. The planning process presented in the seminar teaches students how to develop a planning proposal. The seminar also focuses on how to determine an organization's GIS requirements, focus on those requirements during the planning process, and use the requirements to assess the size and scope of the system needed. Each student will complete a GIS data analysis project and will present work in progress.

Mr. Lakshmikanthan

HS 293f Religion and Development

Meets for one-half semester and yields half-course credit.

Explores the connections between religion and development from theoretical, activist (engaged religious), and practitioner (faith-based NGO) perspectives. Considers (1) basic social-science perspectives on the connections of religious cosmology, beliefs, and practices to social and cultural identity, solidarity, and ideas about human dignity, social inequalities, and the desirability or inevitability of social change and (2) notions of religious obligations and the role of religion as a motivating force or barrier to social transformation and sustainable development. This module seeks to build a positive understanding of the potential contributions of religious forces, with attention to peace-building and economic-development activities.

Ms. Messer

HS 294f Regional/Country Development Studies

Meets for one-half semester and yields half-course credit.

Staff

HS 295b M.B.A. Capstone

Prerequisite: Completion of all required management courses in the M.B.A. (human services) program.

Integrates all aspects of the M.B.A. (human services) curriculum. Aspects of management covered in this course span strategy and operations. Topics covered include general management, leadership, organizational design, marketing, communications, corporate responsibility, human resource management, business policy, management of technology and innovations, ethical and legal issues in management, quality and risk management, and management of diversity in the workplace. The course uses a comprehensive case study approach, combined with theoretical readings. Explores relationships between the context, content, and process of managing organizations, and illustrates the complexities created by overlapping interests and by differences in perceptions, values, and goals.

Ms. Bhalotra

HS 295f Natural Resource Development Planning

Meets for one-half semester and yields half-course credit.

Investigates major issues of natural resource management affecting the sustainability of development.

Mr. Godoy

HS 297f Introduction to Geographic Information Systems

Meets for one-half semester and yields half-course credit.

A primer for non-specialists on GIS and its capabilities as a tool for planning and monitoring. Includes a computer lab.

Mr. Lakshmikanthan

HS 298f Development Management

Meets for one-half semester and yields half-course credit.

Examines contextual factors that influence the implementation of development, as well as the management skills necessary to implementing sustainable development programs.

Ms. Holcombe

HS 299b Team Consulting Project

A capstone educational experience for students nearing the end of the M.B.A. (human services) program. Working under the supervision of a faculty advisor, teams of three or four M.B.A. and Heller/Hornstein students provide management consulting services to nonprofit, community-based health and human services agencies.

Mr. Bailis

HS 299f NGOs: Structure and Governance
Meets for one-half semester and yields half-course credit.

Run as an NGO management workshop responding to issues and problems identified by students. Issues typically include mission statements, structure, governance, participation, and funding.
Mr. Simon

HS 300a Theory and Analysis of Social Policy

Develops theoretical perspectives on social policy, social justice, and social change, and a framework for analyzing and developing social policies. Identifies major institutional systems that function in any society throughout human evolution and which are key variables of social policy and social change practice.

Mr. Gil

HS 300f Integrated Conservation and Development

Meets for one-half semester and yields half-course credit.

Conservation biologists and economic development planners have often had conflicting priorities and means. The class reviews methods of achieving biodiversity conservation and community development through an integrated approach.

Mr. Boyer

HS 301a Oppression and Social Movements

Explores the nature of oppression in contemporary and past human societies, and the dynamics and role of social movements in confronting oppression and pursuing social change toward human liberation. The seminar is based on the assumption that all types of oppression throughout social evolution have common origins and functions. Examines these common aspects, as well as specific manifestations, such as racism, sexism, social class discrimination, colonialism, etc.

Mr. Gil

HS 301b Applying Ethical Theory to Management Practice

Introduces students to the discipline of ethical analysis and its application to human services management practices using a case study approach. Students will have an opportunity to examine different methods of value clarification, sources of ethical conflict, and the structure of ethical arguments.

Mr. Sciegaj

HS 302f Theories of Development

Meets for one-half semester and yields half-course credit.

Focuses on the alternative available theories proposed in industrial and developing worlds as potential guides for explaining and finding solutions to development problems.

Ms. Seidman

HS 303a Historical and Contemporary Developments in Social Welfare

Examines the development of social welfare over time by reviewing policy arguments within a historical context, and uses an analytic framework centered on eligibility, benefits, administration, financing, and behavioral incentives to assess perennial issues in social welfare and analyze contemporary challenges.

Mr. Kuttner

HS 303f Legislative Drafting

Meets for one-half semester and yields half-course credit.

Provides students with a sufficient background in legislative theory, methodology, and techniques to enable them to conceptualize how to translate policy into effectively implemented law and to assess bills purporting to resolve particular social problems.

Ms. Seidman

HS 304f Regional Development Studies

Meets for one-half semester and yields half-course credit.

Examines the experience of one group of countries at developing joint efforts at development trade, cross-boundary environmental management, and conflict resolution.

Ms. DeZoysa

HS 305f Environmental Treaties

Meets for one-half semester and yields half-course credit.

Studies major goals and implementation mechanisms for selected international environmental conventions and protocols. Also provides students with a basic understanding of the scientific underpinnings for each treaty (for instance the nature of ozone depleting substances and their effect on the atmosphere).

Mr. Ramakrishna

HS 312a Managing Organizations Serving Elders and People with Disabilities

Prepares students for management positions in government or private organizations supporting older people and/or people with physical disabilities, mental illness, and developmental disabilities. Emphasizes issues that cut across these different populations. Provides opportunities for students to focus on one population of interest through assignments, and special projects.

Mr. Kielson

HS 316a Violence in Everyday Life: Sources, Dynamics, and Prevention

Explores the meaning, sources, and dynamics of social-structural and interpersonal violence, and relations among these destructive phenomena. Traces the social, psychological, economic, political, and cultural dimensions of violence and counter-violence in everyday life, with special emphasis on links between the organization and quality of work in society and levels of violence. It also explores approaches to reducing and eventually eliminating violence in human relations from local to global levels.

Mr. Gil

HS 317b The Social Policy and Management Context for Children, Youth, and Families

Provides an overview of populations, social policies, and programs in the United States that affect the well-being of children, youth, and families. Human development theory, as well as prominent policy and management themes, are embedded throughout the course. These include: defining and measuring meaningful outcomes for children, youth, and families, and using knowledge to advance social justice on behalf of America's diverse populations. The objective of this course is to engage students in critical thinking, dialogue, and debate about the populations, policies, and programs in their chosen field. Provides essential information for understanding the problems, supports, and opportunities related to children, youth, and families in the United States and for considering the policies and programs that have been, or may be, developed to improve the well-being of these populations.

Ms. Curnan and Ms. Klerman

HS 319a Work and Individual and Social Development

Explores changes in the organization and design of work and the exchange of work products throughout the evolution of human societies, and the consequences of these changes for individual and social development. Facilitates insights into work as a universal, existential process, whose structure and dynamics were shaped and reshaped by individuals and societies throughout history as they interacted with one another and with natural environments in pursuit of survival and development, and as they gained knowledge of nature and enhanced their technological capacities and skills. Explores essential attributes of modes of work conducive to optimal human development and liberation.

Mr. Gil

HS 322b Sociological Inquiry

Introduces students to the basic research literature on social stratification, social mobility, and inequality. The theme of this seminar is an analysis of rising inequality world wide, placing the United States in this context. An examination of the sources for this phenomenon includes globalization, economic restructuring, public policy, and social mobility.

Mr. Shapiro

HS 330b Child-Related Policies in the United States

Provides students with information about the health problems that children face from birth to early adulthood and the policies that have been developed to prevent or ameliorate those problems in the United States. Particular attention is paid to the development of federal policies, the agencies that implement them, and the legislation under which they operate. Explores the role of local health initiatives and of the private sector, including providers, advocacy groups, and other not-for-profit organizations.

Ms. Klerman

HS 350a Economics for Management and Social Policy

Introduces techniques of economic analysis, mainly from microeconomics. These tools are applied to problems of management and social policy. Uses case studies and frequent exercises to develop application and quantitative skills.

Mr. Friedman

HS 360b Critical Factors for Successful Leadership in Health and Human Services

Provides students with an understanding of what leadership is and how it can be exercised in today's complex health and/or human service organizations. Allows for analyses and conclusions to be based on observations, feedback, and reflections made either from personal experience or gained through readings, case studies, and exposure to similar themes in the core curriculum. Each session provides one or more case examples of specific challenges that will enable students to debate competing views and theories. Allows future health and human services leaders to begin to formulate their own concept of leadership.

Messrs. May and Weiner

HS 371a Social Science Concepts, Theories, and Values

Examines key concepts, theories, and values in the social sciences from the perspectives of various disciplines (primarily sociology, political science, and economics). Examines underlying values of democracy and equality as these inform theory and policy. Uses case studies to illustrate various concepts, which include exchange and markets, power, authority, social capital, networks, frame analysis, bureaucracy, interest groups, social movements, race, gender, welfare state, community, and civic engagement.

Staff

HS 372b Economic Theory and Social Policy

Prerequisite: a recent course in microeconomics.

Applies economic analysis to problems of importance to social policy. The particular applications may vary from year to year, but may include such topics as unemployment and inflation, social security, and the economics of race and gender.

Mr. Friedman

HS 373a Minority Children and Families

Using frameworks from cultural and ecological perspectives and psychological and sociological disciplines, examines the adaptations and well-being of four selected groups: African, Hispanic, Asian, and Native American. Provides a broad overview of the adjustment of minority children and families and examines processes that affect their adjustment, especially those that relate to racial and cultural issues and social and demographic factors. Explores current events, social policies, and their implications for ethnic minority groups. Class activities examine conceptual and methodological issues in research on minorities and study their implications for theory, practice, and policy.

Ms. Nguyen

HS 401b Research Methods

Prerequisite: Completion of, or current enrollment in, a graduate-level statistics course.

Provides a basic foundation in social science research methods. Focuses on skills needed to understand and initiate policy-oriented social research. Theoretical, as well as practical, issues involved in the interpretation and conduct of social research are considered. The perspective is multidisciplinary and emphasizes investigations of substantive health, education, and social welfare problems. Students have the opportunity to review and redesign research in their own area of interest.

Mr. Saxe

HS 402b Applied Multivariate Analysis

Prerequisite: HS 404b.

Designed as advanced instruction in data analysis methods. Provides students with an understanding of the utility of multivariate data analysis for testing their own research/policy questions and for evaluating the methods in the research offered by proponents or opponents of particular policy issues. Focuses on the practical use and interpretation of multivariate methods. Covers topics such as MANOVA, MANCOVA, multiple regression, exploratory factor analysis, discriminant analysis, and scale analysis. Introduces advanced topics such as structural equation models, generalized linear models, and hierarchical linear modeling.

Ms. Tighe

HS 403b Qualitative Research

Open to Ph.D. students only.

Acquaints students with the theory and practice of qualitative research. Provides basic experience in pure observation, participant observation, keeping memos and field notes, in-depth interviewing, interpretation, and presentation of findings. Readings and discussion focus on philosophical, historical, and theoretical foundations of qualitative methods and their practical relevance for social policy. Students will also become familiar with key aspects of qualitative research and will grapple with issues related to reliability and validity, as well as political and ethical dimensions of qualitative research.

Mr. Shapiro

HS 404b Applied Regression Analysis

An applied course in multiple regression analysis. Emphasis placed on the assumptions underlying the regression model, how to test for violations, and corrections that can be made when violations are found.

Mr. Fournier

HS 405a Applied Econometrics

Prerequisite: HS 404b. Limited to second year students in The Heller Ph.D. program.

Focuses on applications of regression analysis and extensions to areas where the standard assumptions do not hold. Introduces applications of logit and its extensions, probit, corrections for censoring and sample selection bias, and simultaneous equations. Each student designs and carries out a research project.

Mr. Friedman

HS 407b Survey Research Methods

Prerequisite: HS 404b or equivalent.

Focuses on processes and techniques of survey research methods. Special attention is devoted to different modes of questionnaire design, development, and administration. Implementation issues considered include interviewing strategies and other data collection procedures, field supervision, code book development, and documentation data management. Data analysis issues include scale and index construction, reliability and validity assessments, and general analysis strategies.

Mr. Goodoy

HS 408a Evaluation Research

Prerequisite: Completion of a graduate-level research methods course.

Provides participants with an understanding of the basic concepts of evaluation research and their application to a diverse set of social policy problems. Emphasizes methodological issues and their application to social interventions and the delivery of human service programs. Exemplars of the application of evaluation research strategies are drawn from specific social intervention problems in social services, mental health, education, criminal justice, and healthcare. Students also have a chance to design their own evaluation study.

Mr. Saxe

HS 409a Advanced Econometrics

Prerequisites: HS 404b and HS 405a.

Builds on the Econometrics course to further develop students' skills in using multivariate statistical techniques, particularly for time-series and longitudinal data. Based on examples from human-service and health care research. Students read/critique papers using each technique studies, and learn to apply it in computer lab.

Mr. Hodgkin.

HS 410b Applied Research Seminar: Quantitative

Designed to provide students with a series of formal exercises simulating the major steps in the dissertation process. Students gain competency in manipulating data from a large, complex data set; summarizing the methodology of and findings from previous studies; and synthesizing and communicating the results of data analysis—placing study objectives and results in the context of prior research.

Mr. Ritter

HS 411b Applied Research Seminar: Qualitative

Prerequisite: HS 403b or permission of instructor.

Provides students with hands-on experience in qualitative research, with an emphasis on data analysis and presentation. A series of exercises reviews the process of research from design through presentation of findings. Using a large qualitative data set, class members explore data collection, preparation, and analysis strategies. Readings and discussion link qualitative analysis to crucial research design and validity issues. Each student completes a data analysis project and presents work in progress.

Ms. Weinberg

HS 412b Substance Use and Societal Consequences

Provides an overview of the use and abuse of alcohol, tobacco, and other drugs. Examines the consequences of abuse from a societal perspective and reviews types of policy approaches to dealing with the problems associated with substance abuse. Specific topics include an overview of biological and clinical aspects, theories of addictive behavior, epidemiology, medical and economic consequences, prevention and education, and policy approaches including taxation and regulation.

Ms. Horgan

HS 414f Ethical Issues in Social Science Research

Meets for one-half semester and yields half-course credit.

Provides students an opportunity to explore the ethical dimensions of social-science research. Ethical considerations are an integral part of social sciences research because such research often involves the use of human participants from vulnerable populations. While social science researchers are expected to have an understanding of the ethical issues associated with their discipline, few have the opportunity to develop this knowledge. In this course students examine different topics associated with research design, data collection, data interpretation, and publication of study findings.

Staff

HS 415f Introduction to Statistical Programming Using SAS

Meets for one-half semester and yields half-course credit.

Introduces students to SAS programming in a Windows operating system. Covers two specific areas: (1) how to operate within the SAS interactive environment and (2) how to use the SAS programming language to build usable datasets and perform analyses

Mr. Ritter

HS 422f Cost-Effectiveness

Meets for one-half semester and yields half-course credit.

Addresses the application of the technique of cost-effectiveness analysis to evaluate health and other types of programs in the United States and in developing countries. Presents the theoretical foundations and applications of cost-effectiveness analysis. Uses interactive discussions and computer exercises where students learn to perform cost-effectiveness analyses and apply the technique to a problem of their choice.

Mr. Shepard

HS 423f Policy Analysis

Meets for one-half semester and yields half-course credit.

Provides an overview of approaches and tools to policy analysis and an assessment of their strengths and limitations. Begins with a brief overview of the stages of policy process including policy formulation, rulemaking, and implementation. Includes a survey of policy analysis quantitative techniques. Considerable attention is spent probing imbedded assumptions in each model. Focuses on the impact of values on policy analysis and the goals of efficiency, equity, security, and liberty. The ethics and role of the policy analyst is discussed, and students have the opportunity to write and present a policy analysis critique.

Mr. Doonan

HS 424f Meta-Analysis

Meets for one-half semester and yields half-course credit.

Increases participants' understanding of the principles, purposes, and applications of meta-analysis/systematic research synthesis in social policy research. The methods of systematic research synthesis have been most fruitfully employed in educational and health services research so most course examples come from these fields. Students read examples of systematic literature synthesis and begin development of a review on a self-selected topic. Offers an opportunity to learn basic techniques in meta-analysis, understand the potential and limits of the most commonly used quantitative meta-analytic techniques, read examples of published health services research applications, and begin applying meta-analytic techniques.

Mr. Capitman

HS 425f Case Study Methodologies

Meets for one-half semester and yields half-course credit.

Provides students with the preliminary tools to conduct and critique case studies. Begins with an examination of the appropriateness, strengths, and weaknesses of this method. Threats to internal and external validity are examined along with techniques to properly collect and document data from multiple sources. Techniques are reviewed for case selection, data analysis, and study presentation. The final class is spent critiquing actual case studies.

Mr. Doonan

HS 472b Policy and Program Implementation

Provides doctoral students with frameworks of use for the study of the implementation of public policies. Considers the implementation process in the United States from a broad perspective, ranging from the context of legislation and the role of courts to how the role of street-level bureaucrats can be studied. Political science, organizational theory, and sociological perspectives are used to develop frameworks for understanding the process through which public policy is realized and how it impacts institutions and individuals.

Mr. Prottas

HS 503a Social Issues and Problems: Inequality and Work

Provides students with a deeper understanding of the structure of the economy and of why the distribution of earnings, wealth, and opportunity have been diverging in the United States and other advanced nations. Intended to provide insights into the consequences of this divergence, and possible means of reversing it. Classes begin with a particular case-study, but expand to include background readings.

Mr. Reich

HS 507f State Health Policy

Meets for one-half semester and yields half-course credit. Prerequisite: HS 513a or permission of instructor.

Examines the role of the states in the U.S. health care system. Provides an overview of state activities in health, including state responsibilities for managing health programs and institutions. Models to understand the nature of policy-making and politics in states are presented and discussed. Examines major state health programs such as Medicaid. Outlines and explores the policy and legislative processes. State efforts to reform their healthcare systems are discussed with special attention to implementation issues, barriers, limits of state action, and prospects for the future of state health reform.

Mr. Doonan

HS 508f Managed Care

Meets for one-half semester and yields half-course credit. Prerequisite: HS 513a or permission of instructor.

Provides an overview of the evolution and taxonomies of managed care, and describes some of its most significant organizational and operational characteristics. Specific areas of focus include its role in Medicaid and Medicare, as well as special strategies such as those adopted for behavioral health care. Draws upon health policy and management literature to inform a discussion about future directions for managed care.

Ms. Bhalotra

HS 509a Implementation and Evaluation of Social Policies and Programs

For students who have learned how to manage in a health or human services policy environment and wish to know whether the public policies they are helping to implement are working. Reviews methods, tools, and strategies to help managers assess measurable impacts of implementation of policies and programs. Teaches students how to assess policies and to evaluate programs—what evaluation is, how to do it, and most importantly, how to critically review studies done by others.

Mr. Hahn

HS 510a Methods in Behavioral Health Services Research

Aims at students (1) becoming familiar with the quantitative methods used for health services research in the fields of mental health and substance abuse by reading key papers and discussing them; (2) becoming knowledgeable about the important research studies in mental health and substance abuse; (3) becoming an informed, critical consumer of research and, therefore, a better producer; and (4) becoming able to design a study and write a proposal for external funding.

Mr. Hodgkin

HS 511b Contemporary Issues in the Management of Child, Youth, and Family Services

Managing human service systems and programs to benefit children, youth, and families in America today means managing people in a time of fiscal constraint; dramatic social, economic, and political change; and on the other hand, in a time of great organizational and civic innovation. Builds on the analytic tools students have begun to hone in the master's program and helps them learn how to apply these tools to effectively implement policies and programs in the not-for-profit sector.

Ms. Curnan

HS 513a Issues in National Health Policy

An overview of the U.S. health care system is followed by a critical analysis of the major issues and trends in the health care field. Concentrates on the activities of federal and state governments and the private sector. Also explores likely future issues affecting our health system. Of special concern is the issue of the large number of Americans with no or inadequate health insurance. A related problem is the rising cost of medical care, which results in increases in the number of uninsured.

Messrs. Altman and Wallack

HS 515a Race/Ethnicity, Gender in Human Services Research

Explores theoretical and empirical approaches to race/ethnicity and gender as factors in health and human services practices, programs, and policies in the United States. Begins by examining current data on racial/ethnic and gender differences in health, mental health, functional status, and life-style. Attention then turns to alternative accounts of the causes of these differences. Although primary focus is on patterns of race/ethnicity and gender differences in health outcomes and services that have received the most comprehensive attention, the course offers perspectives on research methods and analytic frameworks that can be applied to other issues.

Mr. Capitman

HS 518a Management of Health Care Organizations

Introduces students to the concepts, theories, and practical problems of managing people in health care organizations. Case material is drawn from hospital, HMO, group practice, public health agency, and for-profit company settings. Students gain a better understanding of the range of strategic and operational problems faced by managers, some of the analytic tools to diagnose problems, and the role of leadership (and management) in improving performance.

Mr. Chilingerian

HS 519a Health Economics

Prerequisite: An introductory microeconomics course.

Economic models of demand, production, and markets for goods and services can be used to analyze the key resource allocation questions in health care. Applies economic models to questions of demand concerning the utilization and distribution of health care and to questions of supply, encompassing issues of cost, efficiency, and accessibility of care. The incentives and behavior of consumers and producers of health care are considered using these models.

Ms. Bishop

HS 520a Payment and Financing of Health Care

Examines current payment practices to health care providers, the problems with current methods, and possible modifications. Focuses only upon hospital care, physician services, and managed care. Covers the different ways that managed care organizations are structured. The payment and performance of managed care organizations and how performance is related to organizational strategies is included.

Mr. Wallack

HS 521a Political and Organizational Analysis in Health Policy

Focuses on refining the analytical skills useful to students for understanding the political organizational factors influencing health care and health care policy. The readings and issues discussed are not a survey of current issues in health politics. Most readings were selected because they represent an innovative, interesting, or challenging piece of analysis. The goal of each class shall be to identify and critique the core arguments of the work, the conceptual categories and assumptions on which it is based, and the data presented in its support.

Mr. Prottas

HS 523a Economics of Aging and Disability

Provides students with background and tools to carry out economic analysis of individual and public decision-making with respect to life-cycle risks of disability and retirement, including long-term care services that compensate for functional disability. Students will compare and contrast issues and analysis for two groups: elders and working-aged persons with disabilities.

Ms. Bishop

HS 524a Long-Term Care: A Policy Perspective

One of the most important health policy issues facing the nation is how to finance and provide long-term care for persons with chronic illness and disabilities. Uses historical and political economy frameworks to analyze the origins of current long-term care policies and programs. Topics covered include homecare, institutional care, concepts of need, informal care, choice and autonomy, acute care connections, integration, private approaches, international comparisons, and reform options. Primary focus will be on the aged, but other populations with disabilities will be considered.
Mr. Leutz

HS 525a Aging Issues and Policies

Provides students with a base of knowledge about the policy arena and the politics of aging, and an opportunity to explore selected policy issues in some depth. Focuses on a few areas that provide fertile ground for policy development and/or analysis, and has three components: (1) lectures covering background information; (2) discussions critically evaluating readings; and (3) student presentations. Projects and papers provide students opportunities to examine issues surrounding the design and implementation of particular policies, develop curriculum for particular topics, or undertake critiques of policies already in place.
Ms. Mutschler

HS 527f Law and Society: Gender Equality

This course may not be repeated for credit by students who have taken HS 527b in previous years. Meets for half semester and yields half course credit.
Explores issues of gender equity that arise in different contexts, including in the state's treatment of its citizens in the workplace and within the family. Central to the course is the study of laws that impact women's lives. These include civil rights laws as well as laws related to sexual coercion and exploitation of women. The course is loosely divided into three areas of study. During the first few weeks the course examines the history of women's rights and the development of constitutional protection of them. Next looks specifically at laws aimed at securing women's economic equality with emphasis on workplace anti-discrimination provisions. In the final weeks, examines the problems of violence against women in the home and elsewhere and the law's response to it.
Ms. Hill

HS 528f Law and Society: Race and Class

This course may not be repeated for credit by students who have taken HS 528a in previous years. Meets for half semester and yields half course credit.
Explores race in American society from the framework of civil rights law. Using the case method, it attempts to facilitate a multicultural inquiry into anti-discrimination law by presenting civil rights issues as integrated social problems. Though the cases are organized around the traditional civil rights categories of education and housing, it also offers exploration of emerging areas such as the rights of language minorities and people with disabilities.
Ms. Hill

HS 529a Social Policy and Population Groups

Gives a broad introduction to some of the fundamental challenges for human services policies and programs that advance justice by examining alternative accounts of inequality and exclusion with respect to population characteristics such as race/ethnicity, gender, disability, and age. Uses a range of demographic and social science concepts and methods to explore the changing definition, life chances, social and health program experiences, and political participation of groups defined by demographic and social location characteristics. Concludes with examination of social movements, policy approaches, and institutional restructuring as means to promote equality and inclusion.
Mr. Capitman

HS 532b Social Policy Analysis: Technique and Application

Examines approaches to policy analysis and assesses strength and limitations of various methods. Exposes students to a range of methods and theoretical frameworks for exploring and understanding contemporary social problems and policy challenges. Begins with an overview of the stages of policy process including policy formulation, rulemaking, and implementation. Policy analysis will be defined and a distinction made with policy research. The course also focuses on the criteria for evaluating policy options including efficiency, equity, security, and liberty. Ethics and the role of values in shaping analysis will be explored. Actual policy analysis is evaluated in the areas of children and family policy, health, and welfare policy. Students have the opportunity to write and present a policy analysis critique.
Mr. Altman and Mr. Doonan

HS 534b Assets and Social Policy

The class conducts a thorough and rigorous examination of the central features, assumptions, and implications of asset-based policy, focusing on four central aspects of asset-based policy. Explore the analytic features of an asset perspective and determines whether such policies could make a significant difference. Reviews evidence regarding the impact of asset-based policies from demonstration projects just now becoming available. Also examines in detail the implications for social policy.
Mr. Shapiro

HS 541b Knowledge, Politics, and Children

Engages students in a critical examination of the relationship between knowledge and advocacy, and the influence of both on the development of early childhood policy in the United States. Readings are drawn from academic and popular sources, including theoretical work, empirical studies, journalistic writings, and novels. Classroom discussion focuses on the analysis of "different ways of knowing" and different rules of evidence with respect to the resources, needs, and life circumstances of young children and their families. Selected child policy issues are examined from state-level and federal perspectives.
Mr. Shonkoff

HS 543b Measurement of Inequalities

For Ph.D. students only.
Students will (1) develop a theoretical understanding of the causes of inequalities across different levels of social organization, such as households, communities, and nations; (2) review the evidence of how economic inequalities affect classic indicators of quality of life, such as health, empowerment, life-expectancy, and psychological well being, and; (3) develop a simple, practical method to define and measure inequalities and quality of life that can be applied across cultures and scales. The best recent theoretical and empirical literature on inequality and quality of life and on practical exercises is drawn upon. Some of the class time is spent conducting practical exercises on how to measure quality of life along multiple dimensions and how to integrate the different measures into a simple, comprehensible index with intuitive appeal. Practical exercises with statistical software to estimate various forms of inequalities in populations is also used.
Mr. Godoy

HS 544a Vulnerable Youth: Policy and Programmatic Responses

Examines the status of and our response to the problems of children and youth who are at risk of not becoming self-sufficient as young adults. Examines topical issues from a variety of perspectives, borrowing from recent literature on preschool programs, education programs, second-chance job training programs, teen parenting programs, comprehensive community change initiatives/community development, and anti-poverty initiatives.

Mr. Hahn

HS 549a Gender, Work, and Family Policy

Provides a general conceptual framework for understanding development of family policy in the United States since 1950, especially as it relates to the changing work and family roles of men and women. Americans have invented family supports piecemeal and are somewhat uncomfortable with the idea of a deliberate "family policy." Reviews the history of change in family structure, examines the relation of work to family, and takes up three key issues in family policy that are closely related to changing gender roles: child care, work-family leave, and welfare reform.

Ms. Giele

HS 552a Policy Issues in Disability Studies

Focuses on the major policy changes during the past two decades involving educational, social, residential, and therapeutic services for children and adults with cognitive and physical disabilities. In addition to investigating these changes based on reviews of court decisions, legislation, and historical accounts, selected topics will be analyzed in detail utilizing research reports. Students will become familiar with the current research literature on these topics and will be able to critically evaluate research findings and methods in the fields.

Ms. Krauss

HS 570a Mental Health Policy and Management

Enables students to analyze major policy initiatives and trends, to apply their understanding to systemic problems and dilemmas facing the field, and to strengthen their ability to raise cogent questions for research in mental health. Explores the formulation of federal and state mental health policy and deals with such critical areas as managed care, children's mental health, legal issues, minorities, consumer impact, and other matters affecting the quality and distribution of services.

Mr. Callahan

HS 572a Economics of Mental Health

Applies economic analysis to policy and research issues in the mental health sector, including cost-effectiveness, managed care, benefit design, and adverse selection. Studies the impact of different approaches to financing treatment and paying providers in the public and private sectors.

Mr. Hodgkin

HS 586a Issues in Substance Abuse Treatment

Provides an overview of issues related to clinical prevention and treatment services for alcohol, tobacco, and other drug abuse. Examines the organization, delivery, and financing of abuse services. Specific topics include the structure of the treatment system, access to service, the process of treatment, and the effectiveness, cost, cost-effectiveness, and quality of treatment. Examines the impact of managed care on the way services are organized and delivered and on clinical outcome.

Ms. Horgan

Non-Credit Dissertation Seminars**HS 601c Aging Policy Dissertation Seminar**

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HS 602c Family and Child Policy Dissertation Seminar

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HS 603c Health Policy Dissertation Seminar

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HS 604c Work, Inequality, and Social Change Dissertation Seminar

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HS 605c Substance Abuse Dissertation Seminar

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HS 777a Social Welfare Tutorial

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HS 777b Social Welfare Tutorial

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HS 777f Social Welfare Tutorial

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