1 Course Details

1.1 Calendar Description
This course covers concepts and principles of public health policy and systems including: public health systems, their structure, funding and governance and their integration into the healthcare system; evolution of public health policy; models of policy development and analysis; stakeholder analysis; and, public health ethics.

1.2 Course Description
Time: Tuesday and Thursday, between 10:00 and 11:20 AM
Room: PATH 1812

1.3 Timetable
Timetable is subject to change. Please see WebAdvisor for the latest information.

1.4 Final Exam
Exam time and location is subject to change. Please see WebAdvisor for the latest information.

2 Instructional Support

2.1 Instructional Support Team
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3 Learning Resources

3.1 Required Resources


Available from Amazon:
http://www.amazon.ca/Beyond-Policy-Analysis-Management-Turbulent/dp/0176507876

Available as an ebook from Nelson Publishing:
http://www.nelson.com/catalogue/productOverview.do;jsessionid=306B1FD9010E7C69900BCA1A5A89F19

4 Learning Outcomes

The objective of this course is to provide students with a working knowledge of and the practical elements related to the development, role, and analysis of public health policy in Ontario and Canada.

4.1 Course Learning Outcomes

By the end of this course, you should be able to:
1. Define public health policy
2. Explain the historical evolution of public health policy in Ontario and Canada
3. Describe the major systems, structure, and funding sources related to public health policy in Canada
4. Explain the major models of public health policy development and analysis
5. Explain policy communities and policy networks and demonstrate the ability to define them for a policy field
6. Describe the major participants in the development of public health policy in Canada and describe their perspectives and ability to influence
7. Understand the concept of health impact assessments and their benefits to population health
8. Understand the role of and demonstrate the ability to imbue economic evaluation and
5 Teaching and Learning Activities

Teaching Methods

The teaching methods to be used in the course include lecture, discussion, case studies, and problem-based learning.

Public Health Systems: Classes 1-10

Public Policy: Classes 11-17

Public Policy Tools and Analysis: Classes 18-23

5.1 Lecture

Lecture 1

Topics: Public policy and public health

Readings:

Pal, Leslie A. "Beyond Policy Analysis: Public Issues Management in Turbulent Times", Chapters 1 and 3

Lecture 2

Topics: Public policy and public health

Readings:

Evidence and Health Public Policy (CL)

Breton E. and De Leeuw E. "Theories of the policy process in health promotion research" http://heapro.oxfordjournals.org/content/26/1/82.long


Lecture 3

Topics: Introduction to Briefing Notes
Case Study - Healthcare in Canada

Readings:

Healthcare Vision (CL)

TED Talk: How do we heal medicine? https://www.ted.com/talks/atul_gawande_how_do_we_heal_medicine

Lecture 4

Topics: Public health in Ontario

Readings:

The Health Protection and Promotion Act (Ontario)
https://www.ontario.ca/laws/statute/90h07

Ontario Public Health Standards
http://www.health.gov.on.ca/english/providers/program/pubhealth/oph_standards/ophs/ophsprotocols.htm


Lecture 5

Topics: Public health in Ontario

Readings:

Public Health Modernization Discussion Paper (CL)
Public Health within an Integrated Health System (CL)
Auditor General Public Health Report 2017 (CL)
Patients First (Link in CourseLink)
Patients First Discussion Paper (December 2015) (CL)
Public Health Report Summaries (CL)
Public Health in Ontario Narrative (CL)

Lecture 6
Topics: Public health in Ontario

Lecture 7
Topics: Public health in Ontario

Lecture 8
Topics: Public health in Canada
Readings:
CPHA Background Health System (CL)
Structural Profile of Public Health in Canada

Lecture 9
Topics: Public health in Canada
Readings:
Walker Interim Report - Chapter One (CL)
Partners in Public Health (CL)

Lecture 10
Topics: Case Study
Readings:
Financial Unsustainability of Healthcare (CL)

Lecture 11
Topics: Public policy models
Readings:
http://arp.sagepub.com/content/21/4/311.full.pdf+html
Lecture 12

Topics: Public health advocacy

Lecture 13

Topics: Policy communities and policy networks

Readings:

Pal, Leslie A. "Beyond Policy Analysis: Public Issues Management in Turbulent Times". Chapter 6 and 8

Rhodes, RA. "Understanding governance: 10 years on". https://journals.sagepub.com/doi/pdf/10.1177/0170840607076586


Lecture 14

Topics: Policy communities and policy networks

Critics of policy communities and policy networks

Lecture 15

Topics: Case study - Childhood Obesity

See CourseLink for Readings

Lecture 16
Topics: Policy instruments

Readings:

Pal, Leslie A. "Beyond Policy Analysis: Public Issues Management in Turbulent Times" Chapter 4, 5 and 9


The Use of Incentives and the Promotion of Health Behaviours (CL)


Lecture 17

Topics: Policy instruments

Case Study - Junk Food Tax

See CourseLink for Readings

Lecture 18

Topics: Policy analysis

Readings:

Pal, Leslie A. "Beyond Policy Analysis: Public Issues Management in Turbulent Times" Chapter 2, 8 and 9


NCCHPP Policy Analysis (Link in CourseLink)

Optional: Nudge Theory in Public Policy (CL)

Lecture 19

Topics: Role of evidence

Readings:

NCCHPP Method to Synthesize Policy (CL)
Evidence and Healthy Public Policy (CL)

What is Evidence? (CL)

NCCPH (Link in CourseLink)

**Lecture 20**

**Topics:** Health Impact Assessments

**Readings:**

Health in All Policies Clip 1 and 2 (Link in CourseLink)

NCCHPP Online HIA Course (Link in CourseLink)

NCCHPP HIA (Link in CourseLink)

WHO HIA (Link in CourseLink)

CDC HIA (Link in CourseLink)

Introduction to HIA (CL)

HIA - A Practical Guide (CL)

HIA Inventory of Resources (CL)

**Lecture 21**

**Topics:** Health Impact Assessments Case Study - TBA

**Lecture 22**

**Topics:** Economic evaluation of policy

**Readings:**

Economic Evaluations Across the Four Faces of Prevention (CL)

Screen for Breast Cancer (Link in CourseLink)

**Lecture 23**

**Topics:** Economic Epidemiology
Readings:


Guest Lecture

Topics: Dr. Ray Copes (to begin at 8:30 AM and conclude at 11:20 AM)
Director, Occupational and Environmental Health, Public Health Ontario
Environmental Public Health Policy Guest Lecture

6 Assessments

6.1 Assessment Details

Assignments 1 (25%)
Due: Thu, Feb 13
Will be introduced on January 16, 2020 and consist of an individual written submission.

Assignments 2 (35%)
Due: Thu, Mar 26
Will be introduced on February 25, 2020 and will consist of a group written submission.

Final Paper (40%)
Due: Thu, Apr 9
Will be introduced on March 5, 2020 and will consist of an individual written submission.

7 Course Statements

7.1 Referencing Policy

Written work that is not properly referenced will be below the standard expected in this course and will be returned to the student with no mark. The student will be expected to re-submit the paper fully and properly referenced to have the paper accepted for grading. Failure to re-submit the paper will result in a grade of zero (0) on
the assignment. Among other things, proper referencing involves the consistent use of a single referencing style.

7.2 Counselling Services

http://www.counselling.uoguelph.ca/counselling/
Counselling Services offer individual counselling sessions to help support students as they work through the personal challenges that impair their ability to succeed at school and in other areas of their lives.

7.3 Student Health Services

https://www.uoguelph.ca/studenthealthservices/clinic
Student Health Services offers a variety of health care services, including primary health care, a walk-in clinic and on-site laboratory testing.

7.4 In-Class Behaviour

Students are expected to come to lectures prepared for the class. Questions are encouraged at any time during lecture if they do not interfere with the other students’ ability to take in the material presented. Students are expected to treat each other with the utmost respect; disruptions to the class will not be permitted.

7.5 Environmental Policy

We would like to minimize the use of paper in this course and therefore, encourage you to hand in assignments electronically.

7.6 University of Guelph Map

http://www.uoguelph.ca/campus/map/

8 University Statements

8.1 Email Communication

As per university regulations, all students are required to check their e-mail account regularly: e-mail is the official route of communication between the University and its students.

8.2 When You Cannot Meet a Course Requirement

When you find yourself unable to meet an in-course requirement because of illness or compassionate reasons please advise the course instructor (or designated person, such as a teaching assistant) in writing, with your name, id#, and e-mail contact. The grounds for Academic Consideration are detailed in the Undergraduate and Graduate Calendars.

Undergraduate Calendar - Academic Consideration and Appeals
https://www.uoguelph.ca/registrar/calendars/undergraduate/current/c08/c08-ac.shtml

Graduate Calendar - Grounds for Academic Consideration
https://www.uoguelph.ca/registrar/calendars/graduate/current/genreg/index.shtml

Associate Diploma Calendar - Academic Consideration, Appeals and Petitions
8.3 Drop Date

Students will have until the last day of classes to drop courses without academic penalty. The deadline to drop two-semester courses will be the last day of classes in the second semester. This applies to all students (undergraduate, graduate and diploma) except for Doctor of Veterinary Medicine and Associate Diploma in Veterinary Technology (conventional and alternative delivery) students. The regulations and procedures for course registration are available in their respective Academic Calendars.

Undergraduate Calendar - Dropping Courses
https://www.uoguelph.ca/registrar/calendars/undergraduate/current/c08/c08-drop.shtml

Graduate Calendar - Registration Changes
https://www.uoguelph.ca/registrar/calendars/graduate/current/genreg/genreg-regregchg.shtml

Associate Diploma Calendar - Dropping Courses
https://www.uoguelph.ca/registrar/calendars/diploma/current/c08/c08-drop.shtml

8.4 Copies of Out-of-class Assignments

Keep paper and/or other reliable back-up copies of all out-of-class assignments: you may be asked to resubmit work at any time.

8.5 Accessibility

The University promotes the full participation of students who experience disabilities in their academic programs. To that end, the provision of academic accommodation is a shared responsibility between the University and the student.

When accommodations are needed, the student is required to first register with Student Accessibility Services (SAS). Documentation to substantiate the existence of a disability is required; however, interim accommodations may be possible while that process is underway.

Accommodations are available for both permanent and temporary disabilities. It should be noted that common illnesses such as a cold or the flu do not constitute a disability.

Use of the SAS Exam Centre requires students to book their exams at least 7 days in advance and not later than the 40th Class Day.

For Guelph students, information can be found on the SAS website
https://www.uoguelph.ca/sas

For Ridgetown students, information can be found on the Ridgetown SAS website
https://www.ridgetownc.com/services/accessibilityservices.cfm
8.6 Academic Integrity

The University of Guelph is committed to upholding the highest standards of academic integrity, and it is the responsibility of all members of the University community—faculty, staff, and students—to be aware of what constitutes academic misconduct and to do as much as possible to prevent academic offences from occurring. University of Guelph students have the responsibility of abiding by the University’s policy on academic misconduct regardless of their location of study; faculty, staff, and students have the responsibility of supporting an environment that encourages academic integrity. Students need to remain aware that instructors have access to and the right to use electronic and other means of detection.

Please note: Whether or not a student intended to commit academic misconduct is not relevant for a finding of guilt. Hurried or careless submission of assignments does not excuse students from responsibility for verifying the academic integrity of their work before submitting it. Students who are in any doubt as to whether an action on their part could be construed as an academic offence should consult with a faculty member or faculty advisor.

Undergraduate Calendar - Academic Misconduct
https://www.uoguelph.ca/registrar/calendars/undergraduate/current/c08/c08-amisconduct.shtml

Graduate Calendar - Academic Misconduct
https://www.uoguelph.ca/registrar/calendars/graduate/current/genreg/index.shtml

8.7 Recording of Materials

Presentations that are made in relation to course work—including lectures—cannot be recorded or copied without the permission of the presenter, whether the instructor, a student, or guest lecturer. Material recorded with permission is restricted to use for that course unless further permission is granted.

8.8 Resources

The Academic Calendars are the source of information about the University of Guelph’s procedures, policies, and regulations that apply to undergraduate, graduate, and diploma programs.

Academic Calendars
https://www.uoguelph.ca/academics/calendars