

Urban Public Policy Making

Political Science 454

Section: D100

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Discussion Topics: The focus of this course is an examination of the links between differing theoretical perspectives and concepts currently used in the study of public policy and an understanding of public policy and policy making in local, urban and city-regional governance.

Through an assessment of approaches to understanding public policy making, and an examination of actual urban policy cases, the contributions of existing policy theory to explanations of urban policy processes, policy outcomes and urban governance will be evaluated.

Students in this course will be expected to confront practical public policy dilemmas in Greater Vancouver and other Canadian and comparative urban settings, and to develop policy options that might provide solutions to such predicaments.

One four hour seminar/colloquia each week

- Mondays, between 1:30 PM- 5:30PM. Room: WMX 3531

The final assessment is based on written assignments and seminar participation.

One or two field seminars - in Vancouver (and Victoria) - are anticipated.

Grading: Critique 20%
Memorandum One 25%

Memorandum Two 35%
Seminar Participation 20%

Required Texts: James Lightbody, *City Politics, Canada*, (Peterborough, Ont.: Broadview, 2006), paperback [ISBN: 1-55111-753-3 - \$47.95]

Edmund P. Fowler and David Siegel, eds, *Urban Policy Issues:*

Canadian Perspectives, 2nd edition (Toronto: Oxford

Recommended Texts: none

Materials/Supplies: none

Prerequisite/Corequisite: eight upper division credits in political science or permission of the department.

POL 252 recommended

[students who have not completed POL 252 - or another Urban Pol/Gov class - should consult the Instructor and pre-read Tindal and Tindal, LOC

Notes: *This course may be taken for credit in the Political Science program, the Certificate in Urban Studies Program, or toward the Diploma in Social Policy.

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