

**School of Public Policy
New Course Descriptions
Fall 2014**

MPP 642.01 Environmental Regulation, Business, and Society (See catalog for full description.)

Wade Graham

American Politics or State and Local Policy

This course surveys the political, economic, and social implications of American resource management structures and statutes governing land, water, minerals, wildlife and fisheries, and energy. It will begin with the historical development of the environmental movement and environmental controls in the United States. It will cover questions of environmental ethics, economics, law, politics, and regulation, with a special focus on energy use, extraction, and policy. It ends with consideration of the growing involvement of concerns about the global environment in international treaties and trade agreements, and explores the implications for international business, politics, and culture.

MPP 647.01 Seminar in Political Issues: The Nature of Presidential Leadership

Steven Hayward

American Politics

This course will examine the intersection between *politics* and *policy*, and the vital role of presidential leadership, insight, rhetoric and public opinion in bringing about large policy changes. "Politics" and "policy" are often considered separate realms of public affairs today—an artifact of modern ideas that "progressive" or "scientific" administration can transcend basic historic controversies about justice or substitute for personal qualities in elected officials. The course will be vitally concerned with the connection between democratic persuasion and a leader's substantive underlying political strategy. The main question for modern policy makers is understanding how political expertise differs from scientific or technical expertise, and what qualities are necessary for presidential success. The first third of the course will survey fundamental issues in executive political leadership drawn from classic texts before moving to analysis of the modern presidency.

MPP 651.01 American Democratic Culture: Populisms Past and Future

Ted McAllister

American Politics

This is a class about the relationship between culture, politics and policy in America. This year the focus will be on the patterns of political populism in America as it relates to changing economic, cultural and social conditions. We will examine the history of populism, paying close attention to varieties and continuities, and we will study contemporary populism as an expression of our time and of enduring American values. We hope to use a deep historical and cultural understanding of the populist tendency in America to sort out the direction the contemporary populist movements are likely to take us.

MPP 665.01 Region Specific Studies: Eastern Europe

Alexei Shevchenko

International Relations

This course focuses on domestic and foreign policies of the post-communist European states (including European successor states that emerged from the break-up of the Soviet Union) with a particular emphasis on the crucial case study of Russia. The major themes in this course concern the problems of democratizing authoritarian regimes, building nations and states, reforming command economies and responding to new security threats. The course utilizes basic concepts and major alternative models of politics, economics and international relations. The course is comparative, drawing parallels and contrasts both among the states of the region and between these and states of other regions.

MPP 687.01 Seminar in Regional Policies: Aging Policy and American Politics

Caroline Cicero

State and Local Policy or American Politics

Social Security and Medicare, which comprise one-third of our federal budget, were used during the recent political campaigns to scare both senior citizens and younger generations alike. With more than 75 million Baby Boomers turning 65 over the next two decades, older adults will comprise 20-25 percent of the American population by 2030. This demographic transition poses major opportunities and challenges for policy makers as well as entrepreneurs and service providers. This course will examine policies related to the Health and Economics of Aging and Retirement, and it also will concentrate on important policy challenges such as Alzheimer's, long term care, housing, caregiving, transportation, nutrition, research funding, emergency management, and disease prevention. Federal, state, local, and familial approaches will be analyzed in relation to relevant international aging perspectives as well.