

Family Policy Minor Elective Courses

I. Applied Economics

ApEc 5511

Labor Economics

(3.0 cr. prereq. ApEc 3001 or Econ 3101 or equivalent.)-Elizabeth Davis

The economics of labor markets, including theories of labor supply and labor demand, determination of wages, human capital theory, labor unions, and unemployment. Both theoretical models and empirical studies are discussed, including policy applications such as income tax and welfare policy, minimum wage laws, and wage subsidies.

ApEc 5581

Human Capital and Household Economics

(3.0 cr. prereq. ApEc 3001/ Econ 3101)-

Household economics and investment in human capital (e.g., children, education, health, and nutrition); labor force participation, lifetime earnings, and nonmarket work, time allocation and substitution of capital for labor in the household in western and third world countries.

II. Design, Housing & Apparel

DHA 5467

Housing in the Social Environment

(4.0 cr.)-Becky Yust

Presents social science theory of how families and households deal with the problem of providing housing for themselves. Deals with the housing choices in the context of the social environment with an emphasis on the special needs of the elderly, disabled, minorities, large families, female-headed households, and low-income households.

DHA 5469

Understanding Housing: Assessment and Analysis

(3.0 cr.)-Jeff Crump

Provides a basic understanding in the use of ARCGIS for the analysis of special data, pertinent to housing. Allows students to develop skills in designing maps that effectively communicate necessary information and utilizes special data in the analysis of family housing issues.

DHA 5484

Rural Housing Issues

(3.0 cr.)-Ann Ziebarth

Housing issues for nonmetropolitan places, small towns, and rural areas with emphasis on needs and policy implications for targeted rural populations including Native Americans, immigrants, migrant farm workers, and those living in areas of persistent poverty.

DHA 8463/GEO 8980**Housing: Race and Class**

(3.0 cr.)-Jeff Crump

Examination of residential housing and characteristics such as social class and race in an analysis of the role of housing in the social, economic and cultural processes that shape society as a whole.

III. Family Social Science**FSoS 8104****Family Policy**

(3.0 cr.; taught every 2 years)-Catherine Solheim

Identification of characteristics that distinguish family policy research from other research; the conceptual frameworks, methods, and the roles family policy research can play in policy-making and knowledge building process.

FSoS 8105**Family Gerontology**

(3.0 cr.; taught every 2 years)-Jan McCulloch

Integrates gerontology and family studies; new lines of inquiry, qualitative and quantitative, into aging families. Family gerontological research, family relationships, family and long-term care institutions, theoretical frameworks, research methods, policies and interventions.

FSoS 8106**Family Research from Economic Perspectives**

(3.0 cr.; taught every 2 years)- Virginia Zuiker

Integration of conceptual and methodological perspectives of family science with economic approaches. Study of family investments in human and social capital. Emphasis on diversity in families and interface of public policies and family well-being.

FSoS 8007**Ethical Issues & Moral Dilemmas in Family Life**

(3.0 cr.; taught every two years)-Kathryn Rettig

This course is to assist students to analyze the ethical issues and moral dilemmas that arise throughout the life course of diverse families through analysis of multidisciplinary perspectives of ethics, social norms, family law, family policy, family economics, and family decision-making.

IV. Law**Law 6-604****Family Law**

(3.0 cr.)-Judith Younger, B. Bix

A study of law governing de jure and de facto families including marriage, divorce, and relations of family members to one another and to the state.

V. Public Health

PubH 5613

Chronic Illness and Disability in Childhood: Principles, Programs and Policies

(2.0 cr.)- Joän M. Patterson

Examination of the principles, programs, policies and practices associated with identifying and meeting the needs of infants, children and adolescents with special health care needs. Discussion of needs assessment, program development, and quality assurance functions related to children and youth with special needs and their families.

PubH 5630

Foundations of Maternal and Child Health Leadership

(2.0 cr.)- Joän M. Patterson

Orientation to a maternal and child public health perspective for meeting the health needs of women, children, adolescents, and families by examining the historical and current principles, programs, policies, and practices related to these populations. Focus on women's health beyond reproductive and parenting roles, and emphasis on family health.

PubH 5645

Families and Health: An Ecosystems Approach

(2.0 cr.)- Joän M. Patterson

Examination of the interrelationships between the health of individuals, families, and communities using an ecosystems framework. Theories and research related to family system structure and functioning within a sociocultural context will be examined relative to the health status and behaviors of individuals and families throughout the life cycle.

V. Public Policy

PA 5301

Population Methods and Issues for the United States and third World

(3.0 cr.)-Deborah Levison

Basic demographic measures/methodology. Demographic transition, mortality, fertility. Diverse perspectives on non-marital fertility, marriage, divorce and cohabitation. Cultural differences in family structure, aging, migration, refugee movements, population policies. Discussion of readings on population growth and environment.

PA 5401

Poverty, Inequality and Public Policy

(3.0 cr.)-Maria Hanratty

Nature/extent of poverty/inequality in the United States; causes and consequences, impact of government programs and policies. Extent and causes of poverty and inequality in other developed and developing countries.

PA 5412**Aging and Disability Policy**

(3.0 cr.)-Nancy Eustis

Policy debates concerning populations that are aging or disabled. Students learn/practice analyses in context of important health, social and economic policy debates. Readings on current theory/evidence.

PA 5421**Racial Inequality and Public Policy**

(3.0 cr.) –Samuel Myers

Historical roots of racial inequality in American society. Contemporary economic consequences. Public policy responses to racial inequality. Emphasizes thinking/analysis that is critical of strategies offered for reducing racism and racial economic inequality.

PA 5451**Immigrant Health Issues**

(3.0 cr.)-Katherine Fennelly

How to access demographic, health, and background information on U.S. immigrants. Characteristics and health needs of immigrants. Designing culturally competent health programs. How to advocate for change to promote immigrant health. Community visits.

PA 5490**Immigration and Public Policy**

(3.0 cr.)-Katherine Fennelly

Public policy issues of international migration and the integration of immigrants and refugees using the applied framework of Eugene Bardach's *Practical Guide for Policy Analysis*. Instruction and practice on applying an analytical framework to the analysis of current immigration policy proposals.

PA 5601**Survey of Women, Law and Public Policy in the United States.**

(3.0 cr.)-Sally Kenney

Gendered nature of public policy. Historical analysis of welfare, single motherhood and protective legislation. Structure of public policy and courts. Emphasis on employment discrimination and reproductive rights. Intersection of oppression based on class/race/sexual orientation.

PA 8312**Analysis of Discrimination**

(3.0 cr.)-Samuel Myers

Introduces students to tools for measuring and detecting discrimination in market and nonmarket contexts. Application of modern tools of labor econometrics and race relations research to specific problems of market and nonmarket discrimination.

VI. Political Science

POL 8602

Families, Children and the State

(3.0 cr.)-Daniel Kelliher

Political activity of child rearing; conflicts in state authority, family autonomy and public responsibility; controversies of marriage and courtship; children's rights; domestic conflicts; fatherhood crisis; professional politicking.

VII. Social Work

SW 5101

Historical Origins and Contemporary Policies and Programs in Social Welfare

(3.0 cr.)-Megan Morrissey

Examination of contemporary policies and programs in social welfare with historical origins. Development of framework for analysis of concepts and principles in policy for social welfare programs and services.

SW 5313

Social Work with Older Adults

(2.0 cr.)

The practice components of social work with older adults including assessment, intervention, and case management. Orientation to biopsychosocial strengths and challenges within the context of current social policy and delivery systems.

SW 5705

Violence in Families

(3.0 cr., prereq. 5707)-Jeff Edelson

Prevention/intervention with perpetrator, survivors, and social institutions. Perpetration effects on victims, social responses to family violence. Child abuse/neglect. Abuse of women/vulnerable adults. Roles of gender, race, culture, age, physical ability, and sexual orientation.

SW 5813

Child Welfare and the Law

(3.0 cr.)

Presentation of social work practice in juvenile court, child abuse and neglect reporting laws, risk assessment, reasonable efforts, case plan, custody proceedings, permanency planning, termination of parental rights, child testimony, social worker testimony, and adoption laws.

SW 8101

Social Policy and Delivery Systems for Child Welfare and Family Services

(3.0 cr., prereq. 8211)-Marcie Jefferys, Susan Wells

Federal, state, and local policies related to contemporary child welfare system and social services to families. Current debates about policies, financing and structure of service delivery; process of influencing policy changes in children and family services.

SW 8103**Health and Mental Health Policy**

(3.0 cr.)-Linda Jones

Factors affecting health and mental health status of variety of populations, policies on organizational, local, state, and federal levels affecting health status, financing, and delivery of health and mental health services, ethical issues embedded in policies and issues in need of policy development.

SW 8211**Macro Social Work Practice and Policy Advocacy**

(3.0 cr.) –Elizabeth Lightfoot

Presentation of policy analysis, development, implementation, community development, social action, and social planning. Focus on Ecological, problem-solving, and empowerment perspectives as well as policy/methods. Theories of organizations of communities, development and change.

SW 8304**Advanced Practice with Children and Adolescents**

(3.0 cr)

Social work practice with children, adolescents, and their families with ecosystem model that undergirds assessment/intervention. Mastery of developmental tasks and enhanced social functioning as protective mechanisms. Biopsychosocial focus with integration of familial/community contributions.

SW 8314**Social Work Interventions with Families**

(3.0 cr.; prereq 5318)

Interventions based on systems perspective of family as center of focus in environmental context. Policy/practice principles of working with families in their home/community environment.

SW 8855**Social Welfare Policy Formulation and Analysis**

(3.0 cr.)-Elizabeth Lightfoot

Application of theoretical perspectives, conceptual frameworks, and research methodologies to analysis of social issues and analysis and formulation of social welfare policy.

VIII. Sociology**SOC 8551****Social Structure and the Life Course**

(3 cr.) –Jeylan Mortimer

Examination of the life course paradigm and major theoretical and empirical work. Development of intellectual tools to assess temporal dimensions of human lives in their historical, societal, institutional, and developmental concepts.