

The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

Syllabus

Policy Analysis - 59911

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HU Credits: 4

Degree/Cycle: 2nd degree (Master)

Responsible Department: Public Policy

Academic year: 0

Semester: Yearly

Teaching Languages: Hebrew

Campus: Mt. Scopus

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Course/Module description:

This workshop is a central arena to discuss the stages of policy analysis that consist of identifying key players, institutional agenda, problem definition, generic policies, decision rules, implementation and policy evaluation.

Course/Module aims:

The goal of this workshop is to develop policy analysis skills in various policy fields. To achieve this goal, the students prepare prescriptive policy paper on actual policy issues from their own desk. In the end of this workshop the students would be able to examine critically policy analysis done by governmental and non-governmental as well as international institutions

Learning outcomes - On successful completion of this module, students should be able to:

- *To design policy measures in various fields using a battery of considerations.*
- *Justify government intervention or inaction in the markets.*
- *Asses policy analysis done by national and international institutions*
- *Compare the desired public policy and the actual policy in Israel and developed countries.*
- *Examine critically policy recommendations that are circulated by government institutions, NGOs and international institutions.*

Attendance requirements(%):

100%

Teaching arrangement and method of instruction: mixed: remote learning and regular and presentations by students

Course/Module Content:

What is Policy Analysis?

The policy stages

Problem Definition

Generic Policies

Policy Adoption

Cost Benefit Analysis

Gathering Information for Policy Analysis

Writing a policy paper

Required Reading:

What is Policy Analysis?

Chapter 2: What is Policy Analysis?

Weimer, D. and Vining, A., Policy Analysis Concepts and Practice, 5th Edition, Pearson Education Inc., 2011.

The policy stages

Introduction

Bardach, E. 2011. A Practical Guide for Policy Analysis: The Eightfold Path to More Effective Problem Solving.

Problem Definition

The Eightfold Path (pp. 1-15)

Bardach, E. 2011. A Practical Guide for Policy Analysis: The Eightfold Path to More Effective Problem Solving, Sage.

Generic Policies

Chapter 10: Correcting Market and Government Failures: Generic Policies

Weimer, D. and Vining, A., Policy Analysis Concepts and Practice, 5th Edition, Pearson Education Inc., 2011.

Policy Adoption

Chapter 8: Limits to Public Intervention

Weimer, D. and Vining, A., Policy Analysis Concepts and Practice, 5th Edition, Pearson Education Inc., 2011.

Chapter 11: Adoption

Weimer, D. and Vining, A., Policy Analysis Concepts and Practice, 5th Edition, Pearson Education Inc., 2011.

Cost Benefit Analysis

Chapter 16: Cost Benefit Analysis

Weimer, D. and Vining, A., Policy Analysis Concepts and Practice, 5th Edition,

Pearson Education Inc., 2011.

Gathering Information for Policy Analysis

Chapter 14: Gathering Information for Policy Analysis

Weimer, D. and Vining, A., *Policy Analysis Concepts and Practice*, 5th Edition, Pearson Education Inc., 2011.

Writing a policy paper

Chapter 15: Landing on Your Feet

Weimer, D. and Vining, A., *Policy Analysis Concepts and Practice*, 5th Edition, Pearson Education Inc., 2011.

Additional Reading Material:

What is Policy Analysis?

Dahan Momi, "Policy Analysis in Ministry of Finance", forthcoming in *Policy Analysis in Comparative Perspective* Edited by I. Geva-May and M. Howlett

Radin A. Beryl, (2000), *Beyond Machiavelli: Policy Analysis Comes of Ages*, Georgetown University Press, Washington, chapter 1.

The policy stages

None

Problem Definition

None

Generic Policies

Appendix B: Things Governments Do

Bardach, E. 2011. *A Practical Guide for Policy Analysis: The Eightfold Path to More Effective Problem Solving*, Sage.

Policy Adoption

Kingdon, J.W., (1995) *Agenda, Alternatives and Public Policy*, Glenview,IL: Scott, Foresman and Co.

Stone D., (1988), *Policy Paradox and Political Reason*, New York: Harper Collins Publishers.

Lindblom, Charles E. "The science of" muddling through"." *Public administration review* (1959): 79-88.

Baumgartner, Frank R., and Bryan D. Jones. Agendas and instability in American politics. University of Chicago Press, 1993.

Ben-Bassat, Avi. "Conflicts, Interest Groups, and Politics in Structural Reforms." Journal of Law and Economics 54.4 (2011): 937-952.

Cost Benefit Analysis
None

Gathering Information for Policy Analysis
Assembling Evidence

Bardach, E. 2011. A Practical Guide for Policy Analysis: The Eightfold Path to More Effective Problem Solving, Sage.

Writing a policy paper
Chapter 1: Preview: The Canadian Salmon Fishery
Weimer, D. and Vining, A., Policy Analysis Concepts and Practice, 5th Edition, Pearson Education Inc., 2011.

Chapter 9 (192-203): Regulation of the Madison Taxi Market
Weimer, D. and Vining, A., Policy Analysis Concepts and Practice, 5th Edition, Pearson Education Inc., 2011.

The Eightfold Path
Bardach, E. 2011. A Practical Guide for Policy Analysis: The Eightfold Path to More Effective Problem Solving.

Course/Module evaluation:

End of year written/oral examination 0 %
Presentation 0 %
Participation in Tutorials 0 %
Project work 0 %
Assignments 100 %
Reports 0 %
Research project 0 %
Quizzes 0 %
Other 0 %

Additional information: