

# *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*

*Course/Module Coordinator: Prof. Eyal Peer*

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*Coordinator Office Hours:*

*Teaching Staff:*

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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: teacher lectures and presentations by students*

Course/Module Content:

*What is Policy Analysis?*

*The policy stages*

*Problem Definition*

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*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.*

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### *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.*

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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: