

Syllabus

Understanding Policy and Emerging Issues (A 637)

Instructor:

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Course Objectives:

1. *Policy Description*:--To understand how and why policies are made: why policies are needed, who the participants are, how policy is implemented and how they impact society.
2. *Policy Analysis* – To understand how to apply policy instruments, to determine who they impact and how, and to understand and use the political economy to make policies more effective
3. *Agricultural and Community Issues*—to study example problems in agriculture that merit policy consideration and how rural landowners interact with the community.

Grading:

Your grade will be equally weighted on two quizzes (70%), and a presentation and paper about a state policy (30%). Homeworks will be assigned, but they are voluntary as they are meant to help you understand the material, not to evaluate you. Tests may not be retaken if missed without prior approval. You may bring a single page of notes (both sides) to each test.

Note: All assignments should be typed, 12 point font, with no less than one inch borders

Location: University Square IRM Classroom
Meeting times: See website for meeting times handout
Outline: See website for handout

What I expect from You

- Attend class and keep involved
- Complete assignments on time
- Type assignments where possible
- Honor deadlines

What to expect from me

- Come to class prepared
- Make the class interesting, important and fun
- Treat you fairly and with respect
- Be clear about assignments