

**UACS Course Schedule
Spring 2014
Class 9**

Monday

CSPS 7215-01 Professionalism in Public Service (1 hr. Core Course – Required First-year Spring) Rutherford
9:00a -10:00a

Delta Room, River Market

A career in public service requires a personal dedication that leads to building stronger relationships, stronger communities and a more workable and responsive world. This seminar is designed to help students gain knowledge and experience to further their public service careers in the areas of nonprofit, governmental, political, volunteer or private sector work. The material in this course builds upon the knowledge and skill sets learned in the other courses and compliments the students' ongoing fieldwork. The seminar will draw upon a wide variety of resources and activities in an effort to enhance the students' personal and professional growth.

CSPS 72201-01 Ethical and Legal Dimensions of Public Service (2 hrs. Core Course – Required First-year Spring)
10:30a – 12:30p

DiPippa

Delta Room, River Market

Ethical and legal considerations shape every aspect of effective public service. This course will provide an overview of the primary ethical principles and legal concepts that guide difficult decisions in the public realm. Traditional academic study of ethical and legal theory will be combined with practical approaches to problem solving. Students will explore issues of economic, political, and social justice through case studies of current issues. Students will construct cases that are relevant to their own fields and present them to the class, identifying ethical and legal constraints on decision-making and implementation.

CSPS 7310-01 Philanthropy Leadership and the Non-profit Sector (3 hrs. – Social Change Option) Williams
1:30p – 4:30p

Delta Room, River Market

Philanthropic intuitions often aim giving toward major societal issues including environmental justice, quality education, race relations, immigration, health care and public health with the goal of helping individuals and communities in need. More foundations are widening their focus from just meeting needs to building sustainable local change. This course will explore community philanthropy as the giving and sharing from within communities that is characteristic of positive change and lasting development. It will examine the principles, standards and practices of community philanthropy and study the leadership role of foundations and nonprofit organizations in creating social change.

Tuesday

CSPS 7340-01 Practicum II (3 hrs. Core Course - Required First-year Spring)
9:00a – 5:00p

Lindquist

Delta Room, River Market

Wednesday

CSPS 7331-01 The Theory and Practice of Global Development (3 hrs. Core Course - Required First-year Spring)
9:00a – 12:00p

Fitzpatrick

Delta Room, River Market

This course provides an overview of three intersecting institutions, which will be useful when conducting public service in the global south, and democratizing societies. These institutions include the State, the market and civil society. The course examines the interventions from colonialism to globalization assessing the efforts of Northern States, multilaterals and non-governmental organizations as they attempt to solve the challenges of poverty, disease, conflict, famine, and gender inequality in the Global South.

CSPS 7335-01 Seminar in Program Evaluation (3 hrs. Core Course)
1:30 – 4:30p

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Delta Room, River Market

This course builds on the skills students gain in CSPS 7333 – Program Planning and Development and CSPS 7334 – Field Research in Public Service. The primary objective is for students to learn and apply tools that are frequently used to determine whether public policies and programs at local, national, and international levels are achieving their intended objectives. In this course, students learn how to use appropriate research methods to evaluate public and not-for-profit programs and entities, how to develop strategies for doing evaluation, and how to manage evaluation projects through participation in a real-world program evaluation experience.

CPSP 731-02 The Politics of African Development (3 hrs. – Elective)
1:30 – 4:30p

Bowman

Classroom 1 Sturgis Hall

This course introduces students to the study of African politics and African development, as individuals, and as a collective. It focuses on the institutions, processes, and substance of development and policy issues through a historical, anthropological, and policy lens. This is a graduate level seminar, and is intended to sharpen students' critical faculties. Readings include theory, method, and case study material. Writing requirements include short, analysis/reflection assignments, and a semester long research project. Class sessions emphasize discussion, and problem-solving, with limited time for lecture.

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CSPS 7310-03 Advocacy in Public Service (3 hrs. Elective)

4:30p – 7:30p

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Conference Room, River Market

This course examines the role of public discourse in constituting (molding, shaping, and even distorting) publics, public decisions, and ultimately public life. Specifically, we will consider persuasion (human communication designed to influence the autonomous judgments and actions of others) and advocacy (the use of propositions, evidence, reasons, and the general rhetorical strategies to promote and advance one's public or civic interests) and their influence on democratic processes and public policy.

Thursday

International Public Service Project (IPSP) preparation and Capstone preparation (all are held in the Delta Room at the River Market)

IPSP (9:00a – 11:00a)

Mandatory

January 16th

February 20th

March 6th

May 1st

Optional

February 13th - Project approval/navigating the IRB process

April 3rd - Developing a work plan

April 18th - Nuts and Bolts of International Travel

Capstone (9:00a – 11:00a)

Mandatory

February 6th

April 10th

Other optional workshops will be offered throughout the semester on Thursday mornings from 9:00 – 11:00 when Dr. Singhal's Dynamics and Complexities of Social Change course isn't meeting.

CSPS 7313-01 Dynamics and Complexities of Social Change (3 hrs. – Social Change Option)

9:00a to 5:00p

Singhal

Delta Room, River Market

Note: This course meets once a month during the semester and is scheduled for all day Thursday and half a day Friday. The Thursday classes meet on the following dates: Class meets on January 23th, February 26st, March 27th, April 24th

The purpose of this course is to help students understand the dynamics and complexities of social change processes, in both domestic and international contexts. The focus is on key theoretical undercurrents, strategic frameworks, debates and dilemmas, applications and case studies. Specifically, contemporary praxis in organizing for social change is examined in order to serve the public good, and reflect on the role of personal change and transformation in making such happen.

CSPS 7310-04 Education Policy, Politics and Pedagogy (3 hrs. Elective)

1:30p – 4:30p

Ernst

Conference Room, River Market

The design of education reform in the United States includes the balance of authority, control, and responsibilities among the federal, state, and local levels. This seminar will explore this balance, the politics and forces that influence and interrupt the balance, and the implications of policy in the emerging post-No Child Left Behind Era. The course will also explore the tensions between and among politics, pedagogy, and policy and include questions as: How does policy influence practice and how might new forms of re-localized innovations inform future policy making and the ways we educate children and young people in our democracy? The class will rely on informed, active discussion, reflective writings, provocative readings, class presentations, guest speakers, and inquiry drawn from student interests and experiences.

CSPS 7110-01 Contemporary Urbanism (1 hr. Elective)

5:30p – 8:30p

Stodola

Classroom II Sturgis Hall

Class meets four times during the semester. Dates to be announced.

This course will be taught by Little Rock Mayor Mark Stodola and will focus on the key issues present in the intersection between local government and public service.

Friday

CSPS 7313-01 Dynamics and Complexities of Social Change (3 hr. – Social Change Option)

8:30a-12:00p

Singhal

Delta RM River Market

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Class meets on January 24th, February 27st, March 28th, April 25th

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Important Dates

Jan. 13th

Jan. 20th

March 24th – 28th

May 2nd

May 6th

May 10th

May 16th

Spring classes begin

Martin Luther King, Jr Day,

Spring break

Last Day of Classes

Finals begin

Graduation Ceremony

Grades due by noon