(GPP 801) Policy Analysis and Evaluation

Pre-requisites: None

Learning objectives

The course focuses on the systematic approaches to policy analysis and evaluation. It aims to introduce the students to quantitative evaluation methods and their use in policy analysis. The course will emphasize the application of experimental and quasi-experimental evaluation methods in the 'real world', and its potential impact upon government policy. Students will learn about key elements of evaluation methods, and be able to critically evaluate their strengths and weaknesses. It aims to engage the students in rigorous learning about the fundamental mechanisms of policy analysis and evaluation methodologies, critically evaluating their applications in various substantive policy domains and applying these methodologies to analyze and evaluate current policy problems and programs at all levels of the government and intergovernmental policy regimes.

Learning outcomes

After completing the course, students should be able to:

- Understand policy analysis and evaluation process.
- Understand the systematic approaches to policy evaluation and policy analysis.
- Understand a wide range of policy analytical and program evaluation methodologies.
- Compare quantitative, qualitative and systems modeling approaches for policy analysis and program evaluation
- Develop and refine research, writing, analytical, and problem-solving skills

Course Contents

The Policy Analysis Process, The Analysis of Problem Formulation, Evaluation Criteria & Policy Alternatives, an Overview of Systematic Approaches to Program Evaluation and Policy Analysis, Implementation Evaluation and Program Monitoring, Logic Models, Randomised Control Trials, Regression Methods, Regression Discontinuity Designs,

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and Difference-in-Difference Methods

Text books

1. Patton, Carl; David Sawicki; and Jennifer Clark (2016) Basic Methods of Policy Analysis and Planning. 3rd Edition. Routledge.
2. Theodoulou, S. & Cahn, M. (2013). Public Policy – The Essential Readings. New Jersey, Prentice Hall