

## **(GPA-207) Public Policy Analysis**

**Pre-Requisites:** None

### **Learning Objectives:**

This course exposes students to policy and public policy process: policy-making, policy implementation and policy analysis. It equips them with the knowledge to diagnose and identify public policy issues, possible problems that can arise in policy formulation and implementation and needs with regard to current situations. The course considers agenda setting, decision making theory and methods of analyzing policy outcomes. Course materials will provide students with the analytical framework to explore why some problems reach the public agenda, why some solutions are adopted and others rejected, and why some policies appear to succeed while others appear to fail. It will examine policy making primarily at the national level but will also look at examples at the provinces and local level.

### **Learning Outcomes:**

After completing the course, students should be able to:

- have gained knowledge of certain aspects of policy formulation
- identify and consult with stakeholders to determine needs, expectations and demands;
- suggest solutions to the problems that may arise when implementing policies in practice;
- facilitate the solving of problems to ensure optimal and accessible service delivery;
- solve basic operational problems relating to service delivery in order to achieve operational objectives; and
- use a variety of different models when formulating and analyzing policies for the Public Sector.

### **Course Contents:**

This course uses the following learning map to achieve the policy deliverables contained in the course: Policy formulation, Policy implementation , Problem solving, Policy analysis

**Text Books and Software:**

1. Dye, Thomas. "Understanding Public Policy," 12th Edition, 2008, Prentice Hall
2. Theodoulou, Stella Z. and Matthew A. Cahn, 1995 "Public Policy: The Essential Readings,"  
Longman/ Prentice Hall
3. Longman/ Prentice Hall
4. James E. Anderson, Public Policy Making, An Introduction Houghton Mifflin Company: Boston, 2000
5. Dennis D. Riley and Bryan E. Brophy-Baermann, Bureaucracy and the Policy Process