Course Description:
This course introduces students to the concepts and role of policy analysis in the public policy process, and to basic frameworks used to analyze public policies. Policy analysis uses tools from economics, sociology and political science. From economics, we consider market efficiency and market failure that might warrant a policy response. From sociology, we consider the puzzles that equality poses for policy choice. From political science, we examine political choice of policy, relating that choice to efficiency, equality, and electoral outcomes. We apply these concepts to policy areas including education, health, social security, international development, criminal justice, drug policy, the environment, national security, etc. We briefly consider methods that are used to evaluate the actual impact and consequences of policy choices.

Thursdays
5:30pm – 8:00pm
Available to all interested undergraduate students