



Master of Administrative Law and Policy

JC009 MALP

2010 lecture timetable & unit descriptions

for units offered by other departments

Important Note:

Students may not complete more than 24 credit points (four units including compulsory unit) from those offered in this timetable. Students **must** complete a minimum of four units (24 credit points) from the Faculty of Law.

All classes are held at the Camperdown campus.
For confirmation of timetabling/unit information, please contact the relevant department.
Please refer to the contact details enclosed.

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Summer School

CODE	UNIT OF STUDY	DATES	TIME	ROOM	LECTURER
GOVT6301-44	Government and Business Ethics	11 Jan to 10 Feb		TBA	Maria Robertson

Sydney Summer and Winter School

Candidates wishing to enrol in units of study offered through the Sydney Summer and Winter School **must first seek approval** in writing from the [Postgraduate Team](#), Faculty of Law (Email: law.postgrad@usyd.edu.au Fax: 9351 0200) prior to making a **separate application** to Sydney Summer and Winter School. This approval will ensure that credit is granted towards your degree upon successful completion of the unit(s). For application and fee information, please contact the Sydney Summer and Winter School (www.summer.usyd.edu.au) on 9351 5542 or info@summer.usyd.edu.au.

February Semester

CODE	UNIT OF STUDY	DAY	TIME	ROOM	LECTURER
GOVT6157-1	Corporate Citizenship	TBA	TBA	TBA	TBA
GOVT6156-1	Governance and Civil Society	TBA	TBA	TBA	TBA
GOVT6311-7	Issues in Public Policy	TBA	Intensive	TBA	TBA
GOVT6313-1	Leadership in Theory and Practice	TBA	TBA	TBA	TBA
GOVT6316-1	Policy Making, Power and Politics (<i>compulsory</i>)	TBA	TBA	TBA	TBA

July Semester

CODE	UNIT OF STUDY	DAY	TIME	ROOM	LECTURER
GOVT6123-2	Globalisation and Governance	TBA	TBA	TBA	TBA
GOVT6319-9	Governance and Public Policy Making	TBA	INTENSIVE	TBA	TBA
GOVT6331-2	International Public Management	TBA	TBA	TBA	TBA

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February Semester

CODE	UNIT OF STUDY	DAY	TIME	ROOM	LECTURER
SCWK6948-1	Social Policy Frameworks	TBA	TBA	TBA	Dr Sue Goodwin

July Semester

CODE	UNIT OF STUDY	DAY	TIME	ROOM	LECTURER
SCWK6949-2	Global Social Policy	TBA	TBA	TBA	Dr Ruth Phillips

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February Semester

CODE	UNIT OF STUDY	DAY	TIME	ROOM	LECTURER
SCLG6903-1	New Debates in Social Theory	TBA	TBA	TBA	Dr K Maton
SCLG6910-1	Social Policy International Perspectives	TBA	TBA	TBA	Dr Hwang

July Semester

CODE	UNIT OF STUDY	DAY	TIME	ROOM	LECTURER
SCLG6901-2	Citizenship Rights and Social Movements	TBA	TBA	TBA	Dr A Elliot

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GOVT6157 Corporate Citizenship

6 Credit Points

Offered: Semester 1 **Classes:** 2 hours per week **Assessment:** 1 essay; 1 case study report; exam; class participation

This course examines the concept and practice of corporate citizenship - how business takes greater account of its social, environmental and financial impact and relates to stakeholders beyond shareholders. The first part of the course introduces students to the historical and contemporary contexts of corporate citizenship. The second part examines companies' approaches to corporate citizenship in five key dimensions - economic, social, employees, environment and human rights. The third part focuses on current issues around social reporting and accountability and the role of government in corporate citizenship.

GOVT6123 Globalisation and Governance

6 Credit Points

Offered: Semester 2 **Classes:** 2 hours per week **Assessment:** Short papers; essay; in-class assignment/test

It is widely believed that we are entering a new era in which the transborder flows of capital, goods, ideas, and people are rapidly transforming human society. 'Globalisation', many claim, threatens the autonomy of nation-states and erodes the power of national governments to provide social protection and promote the nation's economic prosperity. This unit examines not only the causes and mechanisms of this process, but also assesses its social, economic, and political impacts. The views of radicals, transformationalists, skeptics, and institutionalists are compared and criticised. While globalisation is often viewed as a singular process, trending towards a global society, this unit offers a distinctive approach. Globalisation has uneven and highly differentiated impacts, whether harmful or beneficial, and this unevenness is closely associated with the nature of institutions of governance, at both the domestic and international levels.

GOVT6156 Governance and Civil Society

6 Credit Points

Offered: Semester 1 **Classes:** 2 hours per week **Assessment:** Seminar participation; case study; research essay

This unit provides an overview of contemporary debates about policy making in democratic states, such as Australia. It examines how 'governance' is constituted by the interaction between the state and civil society. Governance is an emerging area of interest for both government and non-government organisations, and this unit analyses the way these social, economic and political organisations interact to both create public policy agendas and lead to social and political change. The unit covers the configurations of policy communities, political networks and social movements which shape

both representative and participatory democratic practice. There is a particular emphasis on understanding the strategies that different political actors adopt.

GOVT6319 Governance and Public Policy Making

6 Credit Points

Offered: Semester 2 Intensive **Classes:** Block mode **Assessment:** Reading Report, Change report, Syndicate work, Individual report

The course is focused on two major concepts which are mobilised in the explanation of the way we are governed: 'public policy' and 'governance'. It aims to clarify what is meant by these constructs, and how they can be used in the analysis of governing. It examines the argument that 'governance' denotes a change in the way we are governed, and works through a combination of analytic development and detailed empirical cases to establish the significance of these concepts in both the analysis and the practice of governing.

GOVT6301 Government and Business Ethics

6 Credit Points

Offered: Summer Early **Classes:** 2 hours per week equivalent intensive in Summer School **Assessment:** Short paper; long essay; coursework; reflective journal

You don't have to be sick to get better. We can all learn more about ethics. Most of us, most of the time want to do the right thing. When the pressure is on, it is not always easy to remember that or to figure out what the right thing is. This unit equips students to identify, analyse, and reflect on ethics in professional life.

GOVT6331 International Public Management

6 Credit Points

Offered: Semester 2 **Classes:** 2 hours per week **Assessment:** Seminar presentation; seminar paper; seminar participation; essay.

This unit uses international literature to: provide an overview of the most significant current international trends in public sector management; evaluate the merits of these developments through explicit comparison and past experience and best practice in Australian organizations; explore the applicability of specific techniques to the local context; critically analyse the forces that have driven the global public management move (such as international agencies and private corporate interests); and encourage students to master both general, system-wide developments as well as best practice specific to their areas of expertise.

GOVT6311 Issues in Public Policy

6 Credit Points

Offered: Semester 1 Intensive **Classes:** Block mode **Assessment:** 1000 word literature review (25%); 2000 word group policy analysis report (30%); group policy analysis presentation (20%); 2 hour examination (25%)

This unit of study will examine a current national or international public policy process,

issue or sector. It will deal with contemporary themes and issues in terms of ground level policies, as well as wider conceptual frameworks to help explain them.

GOVT6313 Leadership in Theory and Practice

6 Credit Points

Offered: Semester 1 **Classes:** 2 hours per week **Assessment:** Short essay; long essay; coursework; reflective journal
'The leader points the way.' Eleanor Roosevelt. Leadership is a story that resolves these questions: What is a leader? What kinds of leaders are there? Is democratic leadership different from other kinds? Is leadership in a local community similar to that in national politics or international politics? Are leaders made or born? Is leadership generic? Is it the same in Europe and Asia? What is the difference between a leader and a manager? This unit reviews and evaluates theories of leadership. Participants' experiences and perceptions of leadership are an important part of the unit.

GOVT6316 Policy Making, Power and Politics

6 Credit Points

Offered: Semester 1 **Classes:** 2 hours per week **Assessment:** Case study; essay; policy monitoring report
This unit focuses on the nature of public policy and the processes by which it is produced. Relevant issues are common to all nation states, although they take specific forms in each individual country. First, the unit takes an overview of public policy - dealing with basic themes such as 'What is policy?' through to different approaches to understanding the policy process. These include policy cycles, rationality, interest groups, institutions, and socio-economic interests. Second, it maps out and examines the main components of public policy making: actors, institutions and policy instruments. Third, it focuses on aspects of policy-making processes which often attract a high level of attention from analysts. These include problem definition, agenda setting, decision-taking, policy implementation, policy evaluation and crisis policy-making. Fourth, it examines wider issues in terms of the state and who ultimately holds power over the making and shaping of public policy. Finally, it examines the 'bigger pictures' of long term policy trends, and the extent to which national policy making capacities and processes have been affected by globalisation. Assessments offer a large element of flexibility, allowing students to concentrate on areas of particular interest.

NB: Compulsory unit for MALP candidates.

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SCWK6949 Global Social Policy

6 Credit Points

Dr Ruth Phillips

Offered: Semester 2 **Classes:** 13 wks x 2 hrs **Assessment:** tutorial presentation and paper (40%); global social policy research exercise (60%)

There is a well-established scholarship and governmental interest in both the impact of globalisation on social policy and the emergence of what is increasingly termed 'global social policy' which is a direct response to global social problems. It is a field that is growing in the areas of social policy and social work research and practice and can be clearly linked to increased employment opportunities for social workers and social policy graduates in the international/global arena. A key perspective of this unit of study is from non-government organisations' participation in the development of a global civil society and their contribution to global social policy. It also examines the United Nations Millennium Development Goals and how NGOs have contributed to both the ambitions of the goals as well as the outcomes for different countries. This unit provides opportunities for students to deepen their understanding and knowledge of core global concerns such as poverty, health, education, environment, NGO corporate engagement and gender equality and make links to the vital role of NGOs in these areas.

SCWK6948 Social Policy Frameworks

6 Credit Points

Dr Sue Goodwin

Offered: Semester 1 **Classes:** 13 wks x 2 hrs **Assessment:** essay proposal and presentation; major essay
This unit aims to provide students with a sound understanding of the key institutional components of the Australian welfare system and the key issues and debates associated with the theory and practice of contemporary social policy. The target audience for this unit includes participants from a diverse range of organisations involved in human service provision. All human service work takes place in the context of social policy: social policy provides the mandate and the resources for human service work, and the activities of workers are extensively defined and shaped by social policy. In turn, human service workers are increasingly involved in the shaping of policy, or policy action. The rationale for this unit is to provide an opportunity for students to develop an advanced understanding of social policy frameworks in order to inform policy action.

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SCLG6901 Citizenship Rights and Social Movements

6 Credit Points

Dr A Elliot

Prohibition: SCWK6901 **Offered:** Semester 2 **Classes:** 2 hours per wk **Assessment:** Class participation; seminar oral presentation; 2 research essays (total 5,000 words)
This unit will provide an analysis of theories and practices of citizenship rights in Australia, other Anglophone countries and European countries in the 20th and 21st centuries. It will examine the relationships between different modes of citizenship, claims for rights and the formation of social movements with regard to the women's movement, Indigenous movements (where applicable) and

movements concerned with migration, ethnic diversity and multiculturalism. Analyses will focus on the processes, content and outcomes of social movement advocacy.

SCLG6903 New Debates in Social Theory

6 Credit Points

Dr K Maton

Offered: Semester 1 **Classes:** 2 hours per wk

Assessment: One 2,000 word workbook (40%) and one 3,000 word research essay (60%).

Students will become familiar with the central recent developments in social theory. The unit will examine reinterpretation of a selection of core issues in social theory, as well as covering innovations such as actor-network theory, theories of language and culture, sexuality and the body, consumption and social identity, globalization, nation and state, economic sociology and the intersection of work and family life, democracy and civil society, ethics and recognition, multiculturalism and postcolonialism, knowledge societies, and the dynamics of postmodern social life.

SCLG6910 Social Policy International Perspectives

6 Credit Points

Dr Hwang

Prohibition: SCWK6909 **Offered:** Semester 1

Classes: 2 hours per wk **Assessment:** Class participation; seminar oral presentation; 2 research essays (total 5,000 words)

This unit will provide theoretical and methodological knowledge to undertake social policy analysis in international perspective. Australia, other Anglophone countries, European countries and emerging welfare states of East and South East Asia will be the focus of lectures and students' research. Social policies will include: social security; policies for families and children; aged care; disability services; employment, education and training. The course will examine policies at national and cross-national levels: e.g. the OECD, World Bank, WHO and other UN agencies.