This concentration is intended for students who wish to do research on the relationship between politics and health policy. Students will study theories of individual opinion formation, political participation, legislative organization, interest group formation, political communication, and international politics. In addition, students will examine the role of public opinion, political ideology, interest groups, the media, as well as the executive, legislative and judicial branches in influencing health policy outcomes. The research methodologies most utilized in this track include survey research methods and quantitative statistical methods appropriate for large-scale databases. Students may also use qualitative or mixed methods in their research. Graduates of this concentration typically pursue careers in teaching, conduct research on the politics of health care, and/or become involved with government, professional, and consumer groups on research projects related to the politics of public policy in the public health and health services fields.

I. REQUIRED COURSES

II. ELECTIVE COURSES

III. FACULTY MEMBERS

REQUIRED COURSES
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Requirement A. These four courses are required for all students:
- ECON 1460/HPM 227/SUP 572: Economics of Health Care Policy (Newhouse)
- GOV 2305: American Government and Politics: Field Seminar (Snyder)
- HP 3020: Graduate Reading Course: Political Analysis (Blendon)
- HPM 247/SUP 575: Political Analysis and Strategy for U.S. Health Policy (Blendon)

Requirement B. One of the following DPI courses at HKS:
Note: Courses used to fulfill this requirement cannot be double-counted to also fulfill the elective requirement (Requirement F).
- DPI 115: The American Presidency (Porter)
- DPI 120: The U.S. Congress and Law Making (King)
- DPI 122: Politics and American Public Policy (King)
- DPI 321: Modern American Political Campaigns (Jennings, Mook)
- DPI 600: The Politics of the Press (Gibbs)
- DPI 892: Strategic Communications for Policy Change: Practical Strategies for Influencing a Better World (Burness)

1 Successful completion of an introductory microeconomics course is highly recommended for this class.
Requirement C. **One foundational course in American health policy:**
- HPM 210: United States Health Policy (McDonough)
- SUP 500: Introduction to U.S. Health Care Policy (Burke, Frank)

Requirement D. **Two of the following courses on research methods and design:**
*To fulfill this requirement, students must take courses from two separate groups.*

**GROUP I – Program Evaluation**
- API 211: Program Evaluation (Kane)
- HPM 543: Quantitative Methods in Program Evaluation (Curto)
- RDS 282: Economic Evaluation of Health Policy & Program Management (Resch)

**GROUP II – Survey Methods & Questionnaire Design**
- BST 239: Health Survey Samples (Pagano)
- GOV 1010: Survey Research Methods (Harrison)
- GOV 2011: Graduate Practicum in Survey Research (Harrison)
- HPM 285: Applied Survey Research for Health Policy and Management (SteelFisher)
- STAT 160: Design and Analysis of Sample Surveys (Zaslavsky)

**GROUP III – Social Science Research Methodology & Design**
- API 115/ECON 2115: Econometric Methods for Applied Research (Layton)
- GHP 228: Econometric Methods in Impact Evaluation (Cohen)
- GHP 525: Econometrics for Health Policy (Bauhoff)
- GOV 2000: Introduction to Quantitative Methods I (Zhou)
- GOV 2001: Advanced Quantitative Research Methodology (King)
- GOV 2002: Causal Inference (Imai)
- GOV 2003: Topics in Quantitative Methods (Imai)
- GOV 2009: Methods of Political Analysis (Hall)
- SBS 245: Social and Behavioral Research Methods (Chen)

**GROUP IV – Qualitative Methods**
- EDU S504: Introduction to Qualitative Research (Duraisingham)
- EDU S513: Introduction to Qualitative Program and Policy Evaluation (Sacks)
- HPM 559: Introduction to Qualitative Research Methods for Public Health (Aveling)
- MIT 17.878: Qualitative Methods and Fieldwork (Lawson) [not offered in 2019-2020]
- SBS 288: Qualitative Research Methods in Public Health (Goldman)

**GROUP V – Microeconomics**
- API 101z: Markets and Market Failure (Avery)

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2 Successful completion of at least two statistics courses is highly recommended before taking this class.
3 Students are encouraged to take this course (or a similarly rigorous course in introductory microeconomics) before ECON 1460 / HPM 227 / SUP 572.)
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Requirement E. Two elective courses:
The following courses are suggested, however, students may petition the track chair to recognize other courses for this requirement. Students may also take additional research methods and design courses (above) to fulfill this requirement.

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Note: Many graduate-level (2000+) seminars in the government department require students to write a publishable piece of original research.

- GOV 2005: Formal Political Theory I (Clark)
- GOV 2006: Formal Models of Domestic Politics (Eguia)
- GOV 2071: Democratic Theory (Beerbohm)
- GOV 2105: Comparative Politics: Field Seminar (Iversen, Cammett)
- GOV 2305: Race and Federalism (TBD)*
- GOV 2312: Public Opinion (Ansolabehere)
- GOV 2328: Electoral Politics (Ansolabehere)*
- GOV 2372: Political Psychology (Enos)
- GOV 2473: Parties and Interest Groups in the US (Snyder)*
- GOV 2474: Approaches to the Study of the US Congress (Shepsle)
- GOV 2576: Racial and Ethnic Politics in the US (Hochschild, Gay)*
- History of Science 249: The Opioid Epidemic in Historical Perspective (Brandt)*

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- DPI 115: The American Presidency (Porter)
- DPI 120: The U.S. Congress and Law Making (King)
- DPI 122: Politics and American Public Policy (King)
- DPI 227: Religion, Values, and the Future of Democracy (Dionne)
- DPI 308: How Decision Makers Translate Public Opinion into Policy Action (Schneer)
- DPI 321: Modern American Political Campaigns (Jennings, Mook)
- DPI 322: Presidential Primaries and Modern American Political Parties (Kamarck)
- DPI 329: Contemporary Issues in American Elections (Gergen, Kamarck)*
- DPI 351: Lobbying: Theory, Practice, and Simulations (Fagan)
- DPI 391: Race, Inequality, and American Democracy (Francis)
- DPI 415: Comparative Politics and Policy (Norris)
- DPI 515: Disability Law and Policy (Stein)
- DPI 600: The Politics of the Press (Gibbs)
- DPI 622: Media Manipulation and Disinformation Campaigns (Donovan)
- DPI 675: Digital Platforms, Journalism, and Information (Mele)
- SUP 500: Introduction to U.S. Health Care Policy (Burke, Frank)
- SUP 578: U.S. Healthcare Industry and Regulatory Policy (Dafny)

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- GHP 534: Introduction to Spatial Methods for Public Health (Castro)
- HPM 210: United States Health Policy (McDonough)

- HPM 211: The Health Care Safety Net and Vulnerable Populations (Sommers)
- HPM 213: Public Health Law (Sarpawari)
- HPM 284: Implementation Research in Health and Healthcare (Choudhury, Metlay)
- HPM 502: Federal Public Policy and Population Health (Bleich)
- HPM 505: Health Care Delivery Reform in the US (Barnett)
- HPM 511: State Health Policy (McDonough)
- HPM 552: Health Policy and Leadership (Shumlin) 1.25-credit course

**International Focus**
- DPI 460: Latin American Politics and Policymaking (Garay) 5
- GOV 1780: International Political Economy (Frieden)
- GOV 2710: International Relations: Field Seminar (Johnston)
- GHP 202: Comparative Health Systems I (Yip)
- GHP 244: Health Sector Reform: A Worldwide Perspective (Bossert)
- GHP 269: The Political Economy of Global Health (Bump)

**MIT Courses**
- 17.320: Social Policy (Campbell)
- 17.269: Race, Ethnicity, and American Politics (White)

**COURSE DESCRIPTIONS**

Course descriptions, meeting times, and locations are available online at [my.harvard.edu](http://my.harvard.edu).

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5 Not offered in AY 2019-2020
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