



**HARVARD UNIVERSITY PH.D. PROGRAM IN HEALTH POLICY
POLITICAL ANALYSIS CONCENTRATION
2021-2022**

This concentration is intended for students who wish to do research on the relationship between politics and health policy. Students will study theories of political participation, legislative organization, interest group formation, and political communication. Applied topics of study include public opinion, political ideology, public health law, and the media; the interplay between executive, legislative, and judicial branches; and the role of federalism including state and local government in influencing health policy outcomes. The research methodologies utilized in this track include quantitative statistical methods appropriate for large-scale databases, survey methods, and qualitative or mixed methods. 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

Requirement A. These three courses are required for all students:

- GOV 2305: American Government and Politics: Field Seminar (Snyder)
- HPOL 3020: Graduate Reading Course: Political Analysis – note that this course is offered every other year, and all 1st and 2nd year PA students will take it jointly.¹
- HPM 247/SUP 575: Political Analysis and Strategy for U.S. Health Policy

Requirement B. Two of the following political science courses:

- 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, Gearan)
- DPI 892: Strategic Communications for Policy Change: Practical Strategies for Influencing a Better World (Burness)¹
- MIT: 17.200: Graduate Seminar: American Political Behavior I (Campbell)
- MIT: 17.320: Making Social Policy (Campbell)

¹ Not offered in 2021-2022.

Requirement C. A full semester on the foundations of U.S. health policy or key applied topics in current U.S. health policy:

- *Option 1* - SUP 500: Introduction to U.S. Health Care Policy (Chandra)
- *Option 2* - Take the following half-semester course, HPM 210: United States Health Policy (McDonough) PLUS ONE of the following half-semester courses:
 - HPM 211: The U.S. Healthcare Safety Net and Vulnerable Populations (Sommers)¹ OR
 - HPM 502: Federal Public Policy and Population Health (Bleich)¹ OR
 - SUP 581: Federal Health Policy Making from Legislative Specs to Regulations (Burke, Frank)

Requirement D. Three semester-long courses on research methods and design.

To fulfill this requirement, students must take courses from at least two separate groups.

Note: If you elect any 2.5 credit courses from HSPH, these are half-semester courses and only count towards ½ credit for this requirement.

GROUP I – Program Evaluation and Econometrics

- API 211: Program Evaluation (Kane)
- API 115/ECON 2115: Econometric Methods for Applied Research II (Layton)²
- GHP 228: Econometric Methods in Impact Evaluation (Cohen)
- GHP 525: Econometrics for Health Policy (Bauhoff)²
- HPM 543: Quantitative Methods for Policy Evaluation (Curto) – *half-semester*
- RDS 282: Economic Evaluation of Health Policy & Program Management (Resch) – *half-semester*

GROUP II – Survey Methods & Questionnaire Design

- GOV 1010: Survey Research Methods (Harrison)
- GOV 2011: Graduate Practicum in Survey Research (Harrison)
- STAT 160: Design and Analysis of Sample Surveys (Zaslavsky)¹
- BST 239: Health Survey Samples (Pagano) – *half-semester*
- HPM 285: Applied Survey Research for Health Policy and Management (SteelFisher) – *half-semester*

GROUP III – Social Science Research Methodology & Design

- GOV 2001: Quantitative Social Science Methods I (King)
- GOV 2002: Quantitative Social Science Methods II (TBA)
- GOV 2003: Causal Inference (Blackwell)
- SOCIOL 2245: Causal Inference for the Social Sciences (Zhou)¹
- STAT 186: Introduction to Causal Inference (Murphy)
- DPI 610: Data Science for Politics (Schneer)
- GHP 534: Introduction to Spatial Methods for Public Health (Castro) – *half-semester*
- SBS 245: Social and Behavioral Research Methods (Chen)
- EDU S030: Intermediate Statistics for Educational Research: Applied Linear Regression (Eidelman)

¹ Not offered in 2021-2022.

² Successful completion of at least two statistics courses is highly recommended before taking this class.

- EDU S040: Introductory and Intermediate Statistics for Educational Research: Applied Linear Regression (McIntyre)
- EDU S052: Intermediate & Advanced Statistical Methods for Applied Educational Research (Ho)

GROUP IV – Qualitative Methods

- GOV 2014: Research Design in Political Science: Qualitative and Mixed Methods (Cammett, Hagopian)¹
- HPM 559: Introduction to Qualitative Research Methods for Public Health (Aveling) – *full semester, but 2.5 credits*
- SBS 288: Qualitative Research Methods in Public Health (Goldman) – *half semester*
- SBS 521: Qualitative Data Analysis for Public Health (Ramanadhan) – *half semester*
- EDU S504: Introduction to Qualitative Research (Duraisingh)
- EDU S513: Introduction to Qualitative Program and Policy Evaluation (Sacks)
- MIT 17.878: Qualitative Methods and Fieldwork (Lawson)

Requirement E. Two elective courses:

Courses that satisfy this requirement include, but are not restricted to, those listed below. Students may petition the track co-chairs to recognize other courses for this requirement.

Note: If you elect any 2.5 credit courses from HSPH or 2.0 credit courses from HKS, these are half-semester courses and only count towards ½ credit for this requirement.

Note: Courses used to fulfill elective credits cannot be double-counted to also fulfill Requirements B & C above.

Faculty of Arts & Sciences

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

- GOV 1372: Political Psychology (Enos)
- GOV 2005: Formal Political Theory I (Buisseret)
- GOV 2006: Formal Models of Domestic Politics (Buisseret)
- GOV 2071: Democratic Theory (Beerbohm)¹
- GOV 2105: Comparative Politics: Field Seminar (Wang, Iversen)
- GOV 2312: Public Opinion (Ansolabehere)¹
- GOV 2328: Electoral Politics (Ansolabehere)¹
- GOV 2372: Political Psychology (Enos)¹
- GOV 2453: Practical and Theoretical Regulation of Voting (Ansolabehere, Snyder)¹
- GOV 2473: Parties and Interest Groups in the US (Snyder)¹
- GOV 2474: Approaches to the Study of the US Congress: Models and Methods (Snyder)
- GOV 2525: Political Geography (Enos)
- GOV 2576: Racial and Ethnic Politics in the US (Hochschild, Gay)¹
- ECON 1460/HPM 227/SUP 572: Economics of Health Care Policy (TBA, formerly Newhouse)¹
- History of Science 249: The Opioid Epidemic in Historical Perspective (Brandt)¹

¹ Not offered in 2021-2022.

Harvard Kennedy School

- API 101z: Markets and Market Failure (Saavedra)³
- 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 Leaders Translate Public Opinion into Policy Action (Schneer)¹
- DPI 321: Modern American Political Campaigns (Jennings, Gearan)
- DPI 329: Contemporary Issues in American Elections (Gergen, Kamarck)¹
- DPI 351: Lobbying: Theory, Practice, and Simulations (Fagan)¹
- DPI 391: Race, Inequality, and American Democracy (Muhammad)
- DPI 415: Comparative Politics and Policy (Norris)
- DPI 515: Disability Law and Policy (Stein)
- DPI 600M: The Politics of the Press (Gibbs) – *half semester*
- DPI 622: Media Manipulation and Disinformation Campaigns (Donovan)
- DPI 675: Digital Platforms, Journalism, and Information (Mele)¹
- SUP 500: Introduction to U.S. Health Care Policy (Chandra)
- SUP 578: U.S. Healthcare Industry and Regulatory Policy (Dafny)
- SUP 581: Federal Health Policy Making from Legislative Specs to Regulations (Burke, Frank)

Harvard Chan School *(all HPM courses listed in this section are half-semester courses)*

- HPM 509: Disability Policy in the US (Meara)
- HPM 210: United States Health Policy (McDonough)
- HPM 211: The Health Care Safety Net and Vulnerable Populations (Sommers)¹
- 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)¹
- HPM 545: Economics of Health Care: Public vs. Market Solutions (TBA)
- HPM 505: Health Care Delivery Reform in the US (Barnett)
- HPM 511: State Health Policy (McDonough)

International Focus

- GOV 1780: International Political Economy (Frieden)
- GOV 2710: International Relations: Field Seminar (Johnston)
- GHP 202: Comparative Health Systems I (Yip) – *half semester*
- GHP 212: Political Economy of Health Sector Reform (Croke) – *half semester*
- GHP 244: Health Sector Reform: A Worldwide Perspective (Bossert) – *half semester*
- GHP 269: The Political Economy of Global Health (Bump) – *half semester*

MIT

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

³ This course cannot be used to meet both a PA concentration requirement and a Health Policy distribution requirement.

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COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

Course descriptions, meeting times, and locations are available online at my.harvard.edu. The MIT course catalog is available at <http://student.mit.edu/catalog/index.cgi>.

FACULTY ASSOCIATED WITH THE POLITICAL ANALYSIS TRACK

Concentration Leadership

Political Analysis Track Leaders

- Sara Bleich, Professor of Public Health Policy, Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health; Carol K. Pforzheimer Professor at the Radcliffe Institute for Advanced Study; Member of the Faculty, Harvard Kennedy School (*currently on leave from Harvard, serving as Senior Advisor for COVID-19 in the Office of the Secretary of the USDA*)
- Ben Sommers, Professor of Health Policy and Economics, Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health; Associate Professor of Medicine, Brigham & Women's Hospital / Harvard Medical School (*currently on leave from Harvard, serving as Deputy Assistant Secretary for Health Policy in ASPE, HHS*)

Emeritus Leader of Political Analysis Track

- Robert J. Blendon, Richard L. Menschel Professor of Public Health and Professor of Health Policy and Political Analysis, Emeritus, Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health; Acting Director, Division of Policy Translation and Leadership Development, Harvard Chan School

Potential Faculty Mentors

- Stephen Ansolabehere, Frank G. Thomson Professor of Government; Department of Government, Faculty of Arts and Sciences
- Sheila P. Burke, Adjunct Lecturer in Public Policy; Harvard Kennedy School
- Andrea L. Campbell, Arthur and Ruth Sloan Professor of Political Science; Massachusetts Institute of Technology
- Daniel Carpenter, Allie S. Freed Professor of Government; Department of Government, Faculty of Arts and Sciences
- David K. Jones, Associate Professor of Health Law, Policy & Management; Boston University School of Public Health

- David S. Jones, A. Bernard Ackerman Professor of the Culture of Medicine; Department of the History of Science, Faculty of Arts and Sciences, and Harvard Medical School
- David King, Senior Lecturer in Public Policy; Harvard Kennedy School
- Gary King, Albert J. Weatherhead III University Professor and Director of the Institute for Quantitative Social Science; Harvard University
- Alecia McGregor, Assistant Professor of Health Policy and Politics, Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health
- Adrianna McIntyre, Assistant Professor of Health Policy and Politics, Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health
- Paul E. Peterson, Henry Lee Shattuck Professor of Government and Director of Harvard the Program on Education Policy and Governance; Department of Government, Faculty of Arts and Sciences
- Roger Porter, IBM Professor of Business and Government; Harvard Kennedy School
- Benjamin Schneer, Assistant Professor of Public Policy; Harvard Kennedy School
- Theda Skocpol, Victor S. Thomas Professor of Government and Sociology; Departments of Government and Sociology, Faculty of Arts and Sciences
- James Snyder, Leroy B. Williams Professor of History and Political Science; Department of Government, Faculty of Arts and Sciences