



## IDS 4930/PUP 3002

### Current Controversies in Public Policy

Explore controversial issues in the context of public policy. Examine how decision makers grapple with controversial issues such as health care, education, crime and justice, and the environment while balancing constituent desires, party concerns, and their personal interests. Practice your critical thinking and policy crafting skills to address the world's most pressing problems.

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Certain issues transcend national boundaries. Countries across the globe struggle to provide services such as health care and education while balancing national needs for safety and economic security. How do policy makers across contexts determine the best approaches to meet the needs of their populations? What drives policy makers' agendas? This course will use a

comparative approach to explore how current controversial topics such as health, education, crime and justice, and environmental policies impact different areas of the world. The course will also examine and analyze how policy makers tackle common concerns across country contexts. This course is cross-listed with the department of Political Science.