University of Western Ontario School of Health Studies

> Fall 2023 Course Weight: 0.50

COURSE INFO		
Day & Time	Location	
Tuesdays, 4:30pm – 5:20pm		
Thursdays, 3:30pm - 5:20pm		

TEACHING TEAM

PROFESSOR Maxwell J. Smith, PhD

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OFFICE HOURS Tuesdays, 3:00pm-4:00pm

Appointments only. Sign up via OWL.

TEACHING ASSISTANTS



COURSE OBJECTIVES

This course is an invitation to examine the processes, outcomes, and implementation of health policy, with a specific focus on the Canadian context. In addition to exploring health policy issues currently affecting Canadians, key topics to be addressed include the processes through which health policies are developed, the various actors involved in the health policy process, the different arenas wherein health policy is created, and the various policy instruments used to meet health policy objectives.

At the end of the course, students will be able to:

- a. Define key terms and explain core concepts related to health policy;
- b.

7b	Oct. 19	Policy actors	• Chapter 6: Interest Groups and the Policy Process
8a	Oct. 24	Midterm preparation	
8b	Oct. 26	Midterm	
	Oct. 30 – Nov. 5	Reading week – No classes	
9a	Nov. 7	Case study: TBA	• Consult OWL
9b	Nov. 9	TBA	• Consult OWL
10a	Nov. 14	Case study: TBA	• Consult OWL
10b	Nov. 16	TBA	• Consult OWL
11a	Nov. 21	Case study: TBA	• Consult OWL
11b	Nov. 23	TBA	• Consult OWL
12a	Nov. 28	Case study: TBA	• Consult OWL
12b	Nov. 30	TBA	• Consult OWL
13a	Dec. 5	Case study: TBA	• Consult OWL
13b	Dec. 7	Final exam preparation	Consult OWL

ASSIGNMENTS AND EVALUATION

	Date	Percent of final grade
Midterm exam	October 26 (in-class)	30%
Team-based policy brief	November 24 (by 11:55pm via OWL)	30%
Final exam	To be determined, exam period: Dec. 10-22	40%

It is anticipated that the course averages in years 1 through 4 grades will vary and this is the normative breakdown of average grades/year:

Year 1	68-72
Year 2	70-74 (core) and 72-76 (elective)
Year 3	72-76 (core) and 74-78 (elective)
Year 4	74-80

Final grades of .45 and higher will be automatically rounded up to the nearest integer. Grades will not otherwise be rounded or increased.

KEY DATES

First class	Sept. 7
Reading week (no classes)	Oct. 30-Nov. 5
Midterm	Oct. 26
Last day to drop course without academic penalty	Nov. 13
Team-based policy brief due	Nov. 24
Final class	Dec. 7
Final exam period	Dec. 10-22

POLICIES

Email communication

All non-personal questions should be posted on OWL forums. Forums will be used regularly as a 'first line' for asking questions about course content and logistics. Students can expect questions to be answered by the instructor or teaching assistants within 48 hours, with the exception of weekends. Students are also encouraged to respond to questions to facilitate learning and share their own insights on course content. The instructor may delete posts that are deemed to be inappropriate.

Any other issues/queries (personal/non-content related) should be sent via email. You must use your UWO email in all correspondence. If you send a message to the instructor or TA that is better suited for the forum discussion, you will be asked to post your question there so that all students can benefit from the Q&A and also allow for more peer-to-peer discussion.

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During Exams: Unless you have medical accommodations that require you to do so, or explicit permission from the instructor of the course, you may not use any electronic devices during ANY tests, quizzes, midterms, examinations, or other in-class evaluations.

During lectures: Although you are welcome to use a computer during lecture periods, you are expected to use the computer for scholastic purposes only, and refrain from engaging in any activities that may distract other students from learning. From time to time, your professor may ask the class to turn off all computers to facilitate learning or discussion of the material presented in a particular class. **Unless**

obligations, if it is to succeed.

Students who experience an extenuating circumstance (illness, injury, or other extenuating circumstance) sufficiently significant as to temporarily render them unable to meet academic requirements, may submit a request for academic consideration through the following routes:

If you are in emotional or mental distress should refer to Mental Health@Western $\underline{\text{Mental Health}}$ $\underline{\text{Support - Health \& Wellness - Western University (uwo.ca)}}$ for a complete list of options about how to obtain help or Thames Valley Family MeJ 0

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