

Course Unit	Public Policy	Field of study	Public Administration
Bachelor in	Public Management and Administration	School	School of Public Management, Communication and Tourism
Academic Year	2023/2024	Year of study	3
Type	Semestral	Semester	2
Workload (hours)	162	Contact hours	T - , TP 60, PL - , TC - , S - , E - , OT 20, O -
Level	1-3	ECTS credits	6.0
Code	9165-315-3203-00-23		

T - Lectures; TP - Lectures and problem-solving; PL - Problem-solving, project or laboratory; TC - Fieldwork; S - Seminar; E - Placement; OT - Tutorial; O - Other

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Learning outcomes and competences

At the end of the course unit the learner is expected to be able to:

1. Analyze market and government failures.
2. Analyze and understand political agenda and process.
3. Understand and analyze the role play of actors in the political process.
4. Analyze, evaluate and implement public policies.
5. Understand the popular control of public policies.
6. Analyze and evaluate the costs and benefits involved in adopting public policies.

Prerequisites

Before the course unit the learner is expected to be able to:
Not applicable.

Course contents

Definition of Public Policy and its justification | Economic Policy vs. Public Policy | Types of Public Policy | Theories of Political Process and Decision Making | Management of Political Process | Formulation of Public Policy and the Political Agenda | Implementation of Public Policies | Evaluation and Impact of Public Policy | Popular Control of Public Policy.

Course contents (extended version)

1. Definition of Public Policy and its justification
 - Market failures
 - Government failures
 - How to study Public Policy
2. Economic and Public Policies
3. Types of Public Policy
4. Decision making process
 - Classical theories of the Political Process
 - Contemporary Theory of the Political Process and Decision Making
5. Management of the Political Process
 - Political Actores
 - Political Agenda
6. Formulation of Public Policy
 - Issues
 - Political Agenda
7. Evaluation and Impact of Public Policy
 - Evaluation of Public Policy
8. Popular Control of Public Policy
 - Traditional methods
 - Unconventional methods

Recommended reading

1. Anderson, J. E. (2015). Public Policymaking: An Introduction, 8th ed. (Stamford, Conn. : Cengage). ISBN-10: 1285735285
2. Dye, T. R. (2012). Understanding public policy. USA: Pearson Education. ISBN: 9780205238828.
3. Lindblom, C. & Woodhous, E. (1992). The policy making process. London: Prentice Hall. ISBN: 0136823602.
4. Birkland, T. A. (2019). An introduction to the policy process: Theories, concepts, and models of public policy making, 5th ed. (New York: Routledge). ISBN: 9781351023948
5. Weimer, D. & Vining, A. (2016). Policy analysis: Concepts and practices. USA: Pearson Education. ISBN: 9780205781300.

Teaching and learning methods

In the hours of contact will be focused on discussion and analysis of program content that will be accompanied by the interpretation of situations and practices. The non contact hours should face for the analysis of national public policies and pursuit of acquisition and application of knowledge.

Assessment methods

1. Continuous Evaluation - (Regular, Student Worker) (Final)
 - Practical Work - 70%
 - Intermediate Written Test - 30%
2. Final Exam - (Regular, Student Worker) (Final, Supplementary, Special)
 - Final Written Exam - 100%
3. Incoming students - (Regular, Student Worker) (Final, Supplementary, Special)
 - Development Topics - 100% (work on public policy)

Language of instruction

Portuguese, with additional English support for foreign students.

Electronic validation

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