

Wk	Date	Topic	Books	CD Rom	Discussion Leaders	Notes	
1	25-Aug	Introduction to the course and to the academic study of public policy	Be familiar with the concepts in my textbook, which will be on reserve if you'd rather not buy it. Or get a real cheap 1st edition for \$5 or less from half.com or a similar outlet.	[Please retrieve from JSTOR, as I will not have these in the CD ROM before class. These links work ON CAMPUS only]. Sabatier, Paul A. 1991. "Political Science and Public Policy." PS: Political Science and Politics 24 (2):144-56. <a href="http://www.jstor.org/stable/419922">http://www.jstor.org/stable/419922</a> ———. 1991. "Toward Better Theories of the Policy Process." PS: Political Science and Politics 24 (2):144-56. <a href="http://www.jstor.org/stable/419923">http://www.jstor.org/stable/419923</a>			
2	1-Sep	No class (Labor day)					
3	8-Sep	What is the public policy process?	Howlett and Ramesh, 1, 2; Sabatier 1, 2; McCool, Sections 1 and 3	Peter Deleon, "The Stages Approach to the Policy Process," in Sabatier, <i>Theories of the Policy Process</i> , 1st edition.			
4	15-Sep	Groups, Political Power, and Public Policy	Start reading Baumgartner and Jones, <i>Agendas and Instability in American Politics</i> ; McCool Section 2	Gaventa 1980, Bachrach and Baratz 1962	Deena and Sean		
5	22-Sep	Actors and Institutions	Ostrom, "Institutional Rational Choice, in <i>Theories of the Policy Process</i> ; Howlett and Ramesh, Chapter 4	Theodoulou and Cahn, Selections 22 through 27, 32, 33, 35, 43	Eric	Book review selection due today	
6	29-Sep	Policy Networks and Policy Communities	Theories of the Policy Process, Part III; McCool Section 5		Maurice	Final paper topic (abstract) due today	
7	6-Oct	Theories of Agenda and Policy Change	Howlett and Ramesh, Chapter 5 (read this first!); Kingdon, <i>Agendas and Alternatives</i> , all, but esp. Chapters 5,6,9; Sabatier, <i>Theories of the Policy Process</i> , Chapter 6; Baumgartner and Jones, <i>Agendas and Instability in American Politics</i>	Birkland 1997, Chapter 1 (on CD Rom)	Brent and Eric		
8	13-Oct	Decision Making	Howlett and Ramesh, Chapter 7; Kingdon (balance of book)	Lindblom, Schulman	Tory		
9	20-Oct	No class--Professor Birkland in Netherlands. Make up activity later in the semester.					
10	27-Oct	Policy Design, Implementation, Failure, and Learning	Howlett and Ramesh, Chapter 8, 9; McCool Section 4	Sabatier and Mazmanian, O'Toole, Saetren, Birkland 2006, Chapters 1 and 5, May 1991, Busenberg 2001, Bennett and Howlett 1993	Brent and Tory		
11	3-Nov	Applications to Research	Erikson, Wright, and McIver, <i>Statehouse Democracy</i> (all); Sabatier, TPP Part IV		Deena and Sean		
12	10-Nov	Paradoxes and Policies	Deborah Stone (entire book)		Maurice and Tina		
13	17-Nov	Research presentations					
14	24-Nov	Research presentations					
15	1-Dec	Model and Theory Development	Review all reading; Sabatier TPP part V; McCool Section 6				
	12-Dec	Final research paper due					