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Course Learning Objective	Enrolled	Polled	5		4		3		2		1		average

Ranked

Executive Fellows Seminar

section 1

Course Learning Objective	Enrolled	Polled	5		4		3		2		1		average
▪ 01. Understand distinctive features of the California political context and processes andhow those features influence policy.	18	14	2	14.3%	3	21.4%	6	42.9%	3	21.4%	0	0%	3.29
▪ 02. Learn core concepts about policy design and policy analysis and be able to apply them to specific policy issues.	18	14	1	7.1%	4	28.6%	7	50.0%	2	14.3%	0	0%	3.29
▪ 03. Develop the skills to analyze the effectiveness of an organization and its leadership in fulfilling its mission.	18	14	3	21.4%	7	50.0%	3	21.4%	1	7.1%	0	0%	3.86
▪ 04. Understand the opportunities and challenges facing public sector leaders as they seek to advance the public good given the above.	18	14	2	14.3%	4	28.6%	7	50.0%	1	7.1%	0	0%	3.5
▪ 05. Understand your own ethical obligation to promote the public good.	18	15	5	33.3%	5	33.3%	5	33.3%	0	0%	0	0%	4
▪ 06. Learn to communication effectively for policy audiences, with an emphasis on writing and visual presentation of analytical information in condensed formats.	18	14	5	35.7%	4	28.6%	4	28.6%	1	7.1%	0	0%	3.93
Overall Averages for section	18	14	3	21.2%	4	31.8%	5	37.6%	1	9.4%	0	0%	3.65

PPA 207 Quantitative Analysis

section 1

Course Learning Objective	Enrolled	Polled	5		4		3		2		1		average
▪ 01. Learn how to access relevant data and literature to complete a credible regression analysis. (1d)	21	15	8	53.3%	6	40.0%	1	6.7%	0	0%	0	0%	4.47
▪ 02. Learn the knowledge and skills necessary to produce and interpret a credible regression analysis. (1e)	21	15	6	40.0%	6	40.0%	3	20.0%	0	0%	0	0%	4.2
▪ 03. Effectively review empirically-based literature to assist in the creation of a regression analysis.(1f)	21	15	5	33.3%	5	33.3%	5	33.3%	0	0%	0	0%	4
▪ 04. Learn to apply the analytic tool of regression analysis to offer insights into a particular policy or administration concern(2d)	21	15	6	40.0%	8	53.3%	1	6.7%	0	0%	0	0%	4.33
▪ 05. Practice writing a regression-based research study in a manner that is theoretically sound and also understandable to a non-statistical audience. (2e)	21	15	5	33.3%	7	46.7%	2	13.3%	1	6.7%	0	0%	4.07
Overall Averages for section	21	15	6	40.0%	6	42.7%	2	16.0%	0	1.3%	0	0%	4.21

PPA 210 Political Env. of Policy Making

section 1

Course Learning Objective	Enrolled	Polled	5		4		3		2		1		average
▪ 01. - Understand how to recognize when to advance policies based on whether windows of opportunity are open or closed. - Understand the multiple streams model of how and why policies are chosen. - Understand how the way a policy choice is framed affects its potential for support. - Learn a variety of analytical tools that are helpful in the political arena (e.g., tools to resolve collective action problems, negotiation skills). - Learn how to recognize when to advance policies based on whether windows of opportunity are open or closed. (2a)	18	19	13	68.4%	4	21.1%	1	5.3%	1	5.3%	0	0%	4.53
▪ 02. - Understand how political entrepreneurship affects what policy choices are made.(2c)	18	17	10	58.8%	6	35.3%	1	5.9%	0	0%	0	0%	4.53

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■ 03. - Understand how to frame and present problems to different audiences to optimize understanding(2d)	18	18	13	72.2%	4	22.2%	1	5.6%	0	0%	0	0%	4.67
■ 04. - Consider how public policy choices may be viewed from different ethical frameworks (e.g., utilitarianism, Rawlsian justice). (3b)	18	19	10	52.6%	7	36.8%	2	10.5%	0	0%	0	0%	4.42
■ 05. - Understand the difference between analysis and advocacy (3c)	18	18	13	72.2%	5	27.8%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	4.72
■ 06. - Understood how the diversity of political actors affects the type of policy choices that are made. - Understand the significance of diversity in effective public governance in California (3d)	18	18	13	72.2%	4	22.2%	1	5.6%	0	0%	0	0%	4.67
Overall Averages for section	18	18	12	66.1%	5	27.5%	1	5.5%	0	0%	0	0%	4.59
PPA 220B Economic Analysis II													
section 1													
■ 01. Further explore how the framing of a policy problem in terms of "what is fair" or "what is efficient" results in different "best" solutions (1c)	12	12	4	33.3%	6	50.0%	2	16.7%	0	0%	0	0%	4.17
■ 02. Be able to apply a specific public policy "tool" (Munger's Triangle, Government Failure, Comparative Institutional Analysis, Microeconomic Based Market Analysis, Market Failure Approach, etc.) to a California relevant public policy concern in order to gain a better understanding of how "best" to deal with it (1d)	12	12	3	25.0%	6	50.0%	1	8.3%	1	8.3%	1	8.3%	3.75
■ 03. Understand the basic process of how to conduct a public policy assessment and have a working knowledge of some of the specific techniques necessary to do it (2a)	12	13	5	38.5%	6	46.2%	1	7.7%	1	7.7%	0	0%	4.15
■ 04. Learn to apply the concepts of public policy assessment to a particular California public policy (for example Climate Change) and to appreciate this policy tool's relevance to gaining a better understanding of how to structure a policy intervention.(2d)	12	12	7	58.3%	4	33.3%	0	0%	1	8.3%	0	0%	4.42
■ 05. Gain a greater comfort in your ability to make a public presentation and engage in a public discussion on a public policy topic(2f)	12	12	7	58.3%	3	25.0%	2	16.7%	0	0%	0	0%	4.42
Overall Averages for section	12	12	5	42.6%	5	41.0%	1	9.8%	1	0%	0	0%	4.18
PPA 240B Management II													
section 1													
■ 01. Draw upon multiple disciplines to understand and address policy and administrative problems(1e)	24	17	9	52.9%	8	47.1%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	4.53
■ 02. Use different analytical skills and tools strategically (2a)	24	18	10	55.6%	8	44.4%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	4.56
■ 03. Work effectively in groups (2b)	24	18	7	38.9%	8	44.4%	3	16.7%	0	0%	0	0%	4.22
■ 04. Understand the critical role of effective leadership in the public sector (2c)	24	18	9	50.0%	8	44.4%	1	5.6%	0	0%	0	0%	4.44
■ 05. Use an articulate and confident style of oral presentation(2f)	24	18	7	38.9%	8	44.4%	3	16.7%	0	0%	0	0%	4.22
■ 06. Understand your obligation to advance public value (3a)	24	17	6	35.3%	5	29.4%	6	35.3%	0	0%	0	0%	4
Overall Averages for section	24	18	8	45.3%	8	42.5%	2	12.3%	0	0%	0	0%	4.33

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Overall Totals and Averages   Spring 2014

	Number Enrolled	**Number Polled**	**ranked5**	**ranked4**	**ranked3**	**ranked2**	**ranked1**	**Overall Average**
totals	525	436	194	159	69	13	1	
averages	18.75	15.57	6.93	5.68	2.46	0.46	0.04	4.22
	100%	83.05%	36.95%	30.29%	13.14%	2.48%	0.19%	