

Fall 2017 – 5700/5800 Seminar Descriptions

PADM 5700.001/6710.001 NEW REGIONALISM – Dr. Skip Krueger

The goal of the course is twofold: to provide students with an introduction to the political economy of metropolitan America and to evaluate the policy, managerial and financial implications of the choices of structural arrangements utilized to provide public and semi-public services at the local level. The basic premise of the course is that a host of problems at the local level are not easily solved by a single local government. Many policy issues -- from pollution, to watersheds, to emergency management, to public transportation -- are regional in nature, and not easily or appropriately confined to a single governmental unit. Because of this, governments often must cooperate to achieve policy objectives. This has implications for policymaking, management, and finance in local governments.

PADM 5700.002/6710.002 PUBLIC-NONPROFIT PARTNERSHIPS – Dr. Hee Soun Jang

The public sector recognizes the value of relationships with nonprofit organizations. The key is that these collaborations must be mutually beneficial, strategic, and well thought out. This course is designed for nonprofit organizations and public agencies to address the increasingly important topic of partnerships. This course provides an understanding of public nonprofit partnership theories, management functions, ethical dilemmas and leadership skills that are necessary for successful collaboration initiatives.

PADM 5700.003 NONPROFIT FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT– Dr. Yu (Kelly) Shu

This course covers the subject of nonprofit financial management from a practical perspective. It is designed to provide current and prospective nonprofit leaders and other interested students with an understanding of the concepts, issues and opportunities in financial management for nonprofit organizations. The emphasis will be on the skills necessary to use financial information. Students will be introduced to a full range of financial management topics, including accounting, internal controls, financial condition evaluation, budgeting, cash management and banking, purchasing and contracting, borrowing and risk management. After taking this course, non-financial executives or students can position themselves to use financial information to enhance the nonprofit organization mission.

EMDS 5800.001/EMDS 6610.001 EMERGENCY MGMT THEORY & PRACTICE– Dr. Gary Webb

Explores the central conceptual and theoretical topics and debates that inform the discipline and practice of emergency management. Focus centers on the nature of disaster, common misperceptions about human behavior under conditions of stress, and the important literature pertaining to disasters and emergency management. By taking an interdisciplinary approach, the seminar enables students to think critically about the epistemological assumptions of alternative theoretical viewpoints and divergent policy proposals.

PhD students enroll in the 6000 level sections of the seminars.