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Approaches and Issues in Public Policy and Administration

This information is for the 2014/15 session.

Teacher responsible

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Availability

This course is compulsory on the MSc in Public Administration and Government (LSE and Peking University) and MSc in Public Policy and Administration. This course is available with permission as an outside option to students on other programmes where regulations permit.

Course content

The course is designed to introduce MSc students to major issues in understanding public administration and policy. Students will be divided into two classes and each class will be taught for the whole 24 weeks by the same tutors. 20 of the lectures will reflect the topics to be covered in the classes which remain the focus of the course and some of the lectures may be given by other colleagues teaching on the MSc degree as well as by outside speakers. Additional Visiting Professor lectures will be arranged for the Lent term. The core of the course will consist of 20 classes (+3 revision) that will deal with key themes in Public Policy and Public Administration. Compulsory for students on MSc Public Policy and Administration and the LSE-PKU Double Degree in Public Administration and Government.

Teaching

10 hours of lectures and 15 hours of seminars in the MT. 10 hours of lectures and 15 hours of seminars in the LT. 3 hours of lectures and 4 hours and 30 minutes of seminars in the ST.

Formative coursework

Three formative essays, two in the Michaelmas Term and one in the Lent Term and a mock examination.

Indicative reading

BG Peters (2009) *The Politics of Bureaucracy*; CC Hood (1998) *The Art of the State*; M Howlett and M. Ramesh (1995) *Studying Public Policy*; W Parsons (1995) *Public Policy*; CC Hood and M Lodge (2006) *The Politics of Public Service Bargains*; P Cairney (2012) *Understanding Public Policy*.

Assessment

Exam (75%, duration: 3 hours) in the main exam period.
Essay (25%, 3000 words) in the ST.

Student performance results

(2010/11 - 2012/13 combined)

Key facts

Department: Government

Total students 2013/14: 42

Average class size 2013/14: 13

Controlled access 2013/14: No

Lecture capture used 2013/14: No

Value: One Unit

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Personal development skills

- self-management
- problem solving
- communication

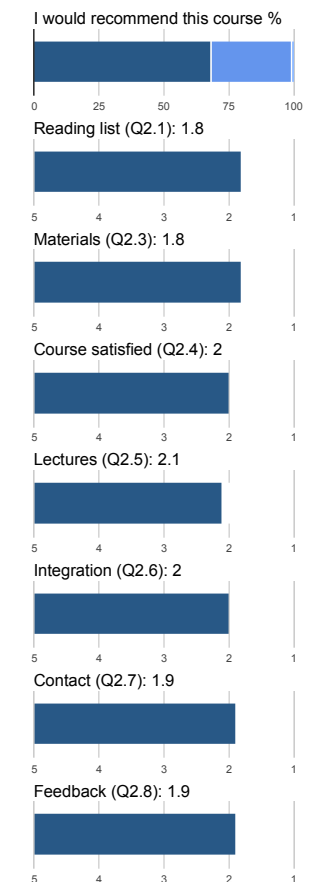
Course survey results

(2010/11 - 2012/13 combined)

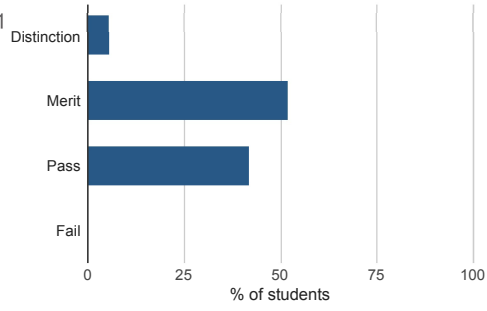
1 = "best" score, 5 = "worst" score

The scores below are average responses.

Response rate: 88.3%



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