LWP 0100. Preparatory Seminar. 2 Hours.
Reviews foundational knowledge of the legal system, political system, microeconomics, statistics, computer applications, and doctoral writing prior to students beginning their doctoral program so that they are better prepared for the accelerated doctoral program course work.

LWP 5976. Directed Study. 1-4 Hours.
Offers independent work under the direction of members of the department on a chosen topic.

LWP 5978. Independent Study. 1-4 Hours.
Offers independent work under the direction of members of the department on a chosen topic.

LWP 5984. Research. 1-4 Hours.
Offers students an opportunity to conduct research under faculty supervision.

LWP 6100. Introduction to Law and Policy (Doctoral). 6 Hours.
Covers foundational knowledge and exposure to law and policy definitions, theory, methodology, research design, economics, and current issues. Provides initial exposure to doctoral program and education as to the purpose of doctoral training for knowledge creation, publication of scholarly and professional work, and development of the highest professional competence. Appropriate assignments include readings and the writing of papers, book reviews, and essays. In this course, students initiate the process of defining their doctoral thesis topic and developing a research design and methodology.

LWP 6101. Law and Policy Doctoral Studies I. 6 Hours.
Builds upon foundational knowledge and law and policy definitions, theory, methodology, research design, economics, and current issues. Reviews case studies on law and policy topics, as well as case studies on leadership, negotiation, and narration. Offers students an opportunity to expand legal knowledge through constitutional case law studies and review of the court system and the application of the law. Appropriate assignments include readings and the writing of papers, book reviews, and essays. In this course, students have an opportunity to refine their doctoral thesis topic and expand their knowledge of how to use the chosen research design and methodology.

Continues the economics-for-policy-analysis course sequence for law and policy doctoral studies. Adds applied microeconomic analysis (including statistics and research methods) to the foundation of economic theory. Presents the toolbox offered by economics for program development and evaluation to support students’ development of skills in public policy analysis. Offers students an opportunity to apply microeconomics, statistics, and research methods to their individual inquiry of public policy issues.

LWP 6103. Theory, Adversarial Legalism, and Interbranch Perspectives on Law and Policy. 3 Hours.
Incorporates online readings, texts, faculty/student discussions on theoretical and law and policy topics, essay assignments, monthly distinguished guest faculty, and accomplished practitioners of law and policy. Combines the online format with live intensive sessions in which the students attend lectures addressing theoretical study and adaptation of functionalist, utilitarian, Kantian, feminist critical studies and economic, libertarian, pragmatism, positivism, and conservative theoretical perspectives upon law and policy phenomena. Offers students an opportunity to engage in legal, policy, historical, and institutional analysis of the branches in U.S. government; state and local government; political and legislative agenda building; enactment and implementation of legislation, including principal-agency dynamics, applied law, and policy; legal realism; and policy theory.

LWP 6108. Law, Policy, Theory: Moral and Political Perspectives on Research and Leadership Application. 3 Hours.
Incorporates online readings, texts, faculty/student discussions on theoretical and law and policy topics, essay assignments, monthly distinguished guest faculty, and accomplished practitioners of law and policy. Offers students an opportunity to apply theory to the study of political and moral thought; to compare political vs. market-driven views of policy making; to study the stages and streams of problem definition, public policy development, and the education of the democratic citizen. In the course of their studies, students have an opportunity to test the applicability of various critical approaches such as functionalism, utilitarianism, Kantian thought, feminism, libertarianism, Marxism, and neoclassicalism.

LWP 6110. Theory, Law, and Policy. 3 Hours.
Incorporates online readings; texts; faculty/student discussions on theory, law, and policy; essay assignments; and monthly encounters with distinguished guest faculty who are scholars and/or accomplished practitioners of law and policy. Offers students an opportunity to engage in the study of constitutional law, to experience a briefing in a private law practice, to study and prepare scholarly presentations on leading moral and political philosophers, and to study present-day legal phenomena affecting society. Uses lectures and survey readings to cover policy scholarship. Topics include the pitfalls of economism, framing, and conflict theory.

Offers students an opportunity to apply models of microeconomic and macroeconomic analysis, graphing assignments, and statistical and SPSS assignments to the fields of law, policy, and social science research.

LWP 6112. Negotiation Skills for Law and Policy. 2 Hours.
Incorporates online readings, texts, faculty/student discussions, and simulated negotiations in formal and informal negotiation settings on applicable law and policy topics. Lectures cover negotiation theory and application in various simulations that include labor/management relations, healthcare, legislation, education, macro- and microeconomic issues, environmental regulation, energy, criminal justice, civil justice, budgets, litigation, and mediation. Offers students an opportunity to engage in the study of various theories of negotiation, bargaining, and their impact on law and policy. Includes negotiation simulations, with faculty critiques and lectures addressing the simulations.
LWP 6113. Leadership, Media, Narrative, and Communications. 3 Hours. 
Incorporates online readings; texts; faculty/student discussions on theory, leadership, media and communications, narrative, problem definition, and law and policy; essay assignments; and monthly encounters with distinguished guest faculty who are scholars and/or accomplished practitioners of leadership, media, communications, narrative, problem definition, and law and policy. Offers students an opportunity to engage in the study of leadership theories, leadership simulations, media theories and narratives, problem definition, and taped simulated media events to critique and improve their communication, narrative, live television, and leadership skills in advancing law and policy in their respective domains. Uses lectures and survey readings to cover leadership, media communications, narrative, problem definition, and law and policy scholarship.

LWP 6114. Integrating Knowledge Creation Competencies. 3 Hours.
Offers doctoral scholars an opportunity to complete their integration of core knowledge creation curricula, including theory, micro- and macroeconomics, law, policy, philosophy, problem definition, negotiations, paradigms, methods, statistics, exposition, writing, and publication. Also offers these students an opportunity to engage in advanced integration of core knowledge creation skills to create unique truths and effectively express them through publications, articles, essays, grant applications and awards, opinion pieces, and in public presentations to advance law and policy knowledge creation in their respective domains.

LWP 6116. Capstone Law and Policy Doctorate. 6 Hours.
Offers candidates for the Doctorate in Law and Policy an opportunity to review their program of study and edit their doctoral thesis projects for publication as research journal articles.

LWP 6118. Historical Foundations of American Law. 2 Hours.
Explores American law and legal institutions in a historical context, instead of examining specific legal doctrines. Topics include, but are not limited to, the role of slavery, foreign affairs, territorial expansion, and immigration in building the nation; the emergence of law as a distinct profession; and the rise of the U.S. Supreme Court. Examines a series of questions concerning the relationship between law and society and the importance of history in understanding modern legal developments.

LWP 6119. Current Law and Policy Debates: Our Nation’s Capital and Beyond. 2 Hours.
Explores an important law and policy issue that captures the attention of our national policy makers, think tanks, and journalists. Topics may include, but are not limited to, technology and privacy, gun control, healthcare reform, civil rights and civil liberties, K–12 and higher education, foreign policy, and others. Course includes a residency in Washington, D.C.

LWP 6120. Law and Legal Reasoning 1. 2 Hours.
Introduces the American legal system and the modes of legal reasoning used by attorneys and judges. Offers students an opportunity to obtain the skills necessary to use legal resources and legal reasoning in academic and policy work. At the conclusion of the course, students are expected to understand basic legal concepts and terminology, the organization of the federal and state court systems, and how litigation moves through the courts; to understand the different types of legal reasoning used in cases involving both common law and enacted/statutory law; and to be able to read and understand key legal documents, especially judicial opinions and litigation documents, such as complaints and briefs.

LWP 6121. Law and Legal Reasoning 2. 2 Hours.
Offers an overview of a handful of key areas of law that are particularly important for policy students, such as federalism/preemption, doctrines of justiciability, and constitutional law. At the conclusion of the course, students are expected to understand how to brief a legal case, how to analyze a legal case and apply it to new fact patterns, and how to perform legal research by finding and applying the applicable case law or statute and drafting a legal memorandum.

LWP 6122. Law and Legal Reasoning 3. 2 Hours.
Introduces law and policymaking in the current administrative state, which often involves the intersection of constitutional law and federal and state statutory law. Examines the way Congress and administrative agencies adopt binding rules of law (statutes and regulations) and the way that interpreting institutions—courts and administrative agencies—analyze and apply these laws. Also examines the reasons for modern regulation, limits of regulation, and ways it can distort policy; the structure of the modern administrative state; and incentives that influence the behavior of regulators and the regulated. Also examines the legal rules (such as standards of deference) that structure the relationship between and among Congress, administrative agencies, and courts.

LWP 6123. Law and Legal Reasoning 4. 2 Hours.
Offers a theoretical overview of foundational law and policy concepts. Topics include legal formalism and textualism, legal realism and pragmatism, critical legal studies, the living constitution, originalism, and popular constitutionalism. Offers students an opportunity to apply these theories to historic and current cases.

LWP 6200. Statistics, Methods, and Microeconomics for Law and Policy Research and Leadership Application 2. 2 Hours.
Incorporates online readings, texts, online research, online lectures, faculty/student discussions, economic analysis and graphing assignments, as well as lectures addressing the microeconomic study of first responders, failed and regulated markets, producer costs and nonprofit firms, the decision to produce, the organization of markets, the economics of welfare, etc. Offers students an opportunity to apply statistics and other methods to the study of what and how surveys measure by means of sampling techniques, variability, probability, and the normal curve. Students analyze selected samples and populations, test the difference between the means, analyze variance, and apply other, nonparametric tests of significance.

LWP 6300. Intermediate Law and Policy Doctoral Studies 1. 6 Hours.
Offers students an opportunity to attend lectures and discuss potential doctoral thesis opportunities for further development. Expects students to read and write extensively in response to presentations by core faculty and distinguished guest faculty, as well as to participate in online course work. Includes mandatory daily discussions of the topics assigned; weekly written assignments, including one to three weekly essays; and research assignments in law and policy, economics, the use of applied statistical methods, the use of applied social theory, and the development and presentation of a legal and/or policy issue in the public domain as the subject of an analytical, methodologically sound, data-driven, and conclusive doctoral thesis.

Offers an overview of the structure of the political branches of government, the various types and forms of public policy, and the dimensions of conflict in the creation and modification of public policy. Topics include problem definition, pluralism (i.e., group theory) vs. elitism, policy heuristics, and street-level bureaucracy.
LWP 6402. Law and Policy Concepts 2: Strategizing for Public Policy. 2 Hours.
Offers an overview of policy making theory. Topics include agenda setting, historical institutionalism, and interbranch perspectives of law and policy.

LWP 6403. Law and Policy Concepts 3: Policy Case Studies. 2 Hours.
Reviews how modern policy scholarship is applied to public policy challenges. Topics may include, but are not limited to, healthcare, criminal justice, environmental policy, labor policy, economic development, housing, or social welfare.

LWP 6404. Evaluation Research. 2 Hours.
Introduces commonly used policy evaluation methods and tools. Students develop an opportunity to become familiar with the concepts, techniques, and practices of evaluation research; to learn how to read evaluation research critically; and to develop an appropriate evaluation plan for an ongoing program. Topics include outcome and impact evaluation, as well as cost-benefit analysis.

Offers a continuation of the course sequence in scholastic and practitioner curriculum in foundational law and policy concepts, case studies, and applications. Focuses on critical interpretation, with application to environmental and private business law and policy. Continues law and policy readings and explores broad questions such as the impact of environmental and private business law and policy on individuals; communities; and local, state, and national governments. Continues with specific environmental and private business law and policy case studies.

LWP 6410. Economics for Policy Analysis. 2 Hours.
Offers an overview of the use of various economic theories in policy analysis and the tools of public finance. Topics may include the theory of public choice; market failure; economic concepts of public and private goods; externalities; and theories of social welfare, political economy, behavioral economics, sources of revenue and expenditure, tax structures, and other contemporary efforts to incentivize private investment to support social goals. Offers students an opportunity to understand these theories and concepts and apply them to a range of public policy and legal issues.

LWP 6411. Economics for Policy Analysis 2. 2 Hours.
Continues the economic-for-policy-analysis course sequence. Focuses on understanding the essential ideas of micro- and macroeconomics, and the related disciplines of law and economics, and applying them to a wide range of domestic and international public policy and legal issues at the international, national, state, and local levels. Reviews economic scholarship and concepts, such as the Coase Theorem, public goods, Pareto optimality, equity, and efficiency as applied in formal and informal civil, criminal, and a wide range of legal and policy contexts.

LWP 6412. Economics for Policy Analysis 3. 2 Hours.
Offers a continuation of the “Economics for Policy Analysis” course sequence. Reviews application of law and economic theories, concepts, and analysis to legal, domestic, and international public policy. Focuses on leading scholarship in modern economics and its role in effective and efficient legal and policy formation.

LWP 6413. Law, Economics, and Beyond 2. 2 Hours.
Offers a continuation of the course sequence in economics for policy analysis. Builds upon the application of economics to the analysis of law and policy to center on the trade-off between equity and efficiency and the maximization of social welfare. Effective policy formation and program development can be identified and advanced with an understanding of the leading scholarship in modern economics; this course seeks to provide such understanding.

LWP 6420. Quantitative Methods. 2 Hours.
Introduces the manipulation and description of data, survey techniques, and secondary data analysis. Topics include the variety of techniques to calculate descriptive statistics and techniques to evaluate the relationship between variables, including crosstabs.

LWP 6421. Quantitative Methods 2. 2 Hours.
Offers a continuation from descriptive methods, a course covering the process of making statistical inferences and testing hypotheses. From a foundation of probability and probability distributions, topics include sampling distributions, estimation, and testing differences using t-tests, analysis of variance, and chi-square. Analytic assignments involve SPSS, emphasizing parametric and nonparametric tests of hypotheses about differences between and among groups.

LWP 6422. Quantitative Methods 3. 2 Hours.
Offers a continuation of inferential methods, covering techniques for analyzing the associations among variables. Includes correlation, partial correlation, and multiple and logistic regression. Analytic assignments involve SPSS, emphasizing regression approaches to prediction.

LWP 6423. Qualitative Methods. 2 Hours.
Introduces qualitative data collection techniques, including in-depth group interviews, archival research, and observation. Offers students an opportunity to apply these techniques through assignments and perform qualitative data analysis.

LWP 6424. Research Methods. 2 Hours.
Introduces research design; logic of inquiry; data collection; evaluation of evidence; and qualitative, quantitative, and mixed-methods approaches for law and policy research and analysis. Reviews research ethics and Institutional Review Board processes and policies.

LWP 6425. Methods and Theory as Applied to Doctoral Research. 2 Hours.
Offers the fifth part of an exploration of research design and quantitative, qualitative, and mixed-methods tools for law and policy social science research and policy analysis. Offers students an opportunity to become familiar with the issues involved in theory, research questions, and collection and analysis of data using qualitative techniques. Emphasizes those methods that are most appropriate for addressing policy questions. Discusses issues of research design, sampling strategies, constructing interview guides, and data coding and analysis as applied to doctoral projects. Includes a practical how-to component allowing students an opportunity to apply the content to their doctoral projects.

LWP 6430. Social Science Theories and Analytic Tools. 2 Hours.
Addresses the theories and analytic tools of socio-legal thought as part of the exploration of research design, using quantitative and qualitative tools for law and policy social science research and policy analysis. Examines the issues involved in a number of theoretical approaches to social science phenomena as well as the various analytic tools to evaluate law and policy phenomena. Along with readings and structured exercises, students research distinct schools of thought, such as libertarianism, communitarianism, Marxism, conflict theory, classical liberalism, modern conservatism, and economics, as well as scholars who have shaped these schools of thought; students also have an opportunity to make individual presentations of their research.
LWP 6431. Political and Moral Ethics and Dilemmas. 2 Hours.
Offers a political and moral examination of the responsibilities of public policy makers in government by asking two questions: (1) What should governments do, considering principles that guide good, just, legitimate public policy? (2) What should political actors do, considering the many and often competing obligations that guide political actors in contesting what is good, just, and legitimate public policy? Assignments focus on applications of theoretical concepts from scholarly readings in philosophy and political theory to practical issues of public policy. Students are expected to research distinct political and moral scholars, make presentations of their research, and complete a term paper addressing these ideas and scholars as applied to their doctoral project.

LWP 6435. Leadership, Negotiations, and Communication. 2 Hours.
Introduces the theory and practice of leadership within organizations. Case studies examine the national, state, and local challenges of healthcare reform and disaster response.

LWP 6450. Public Policy Theory and Practice 1. 2,4 Hours.
Offers a practical and theoretical overview to crafting effective strategies for advancing public policy changes at the federal, state, and local level using a range of legislation, litigation, and other policy tools. After developing the technical aspects of a public policy proposal, those working for policy change face an array of strategic and tactical decisions about where and how to intervene in the complicated system of actors and institutions that establishes and implements public policies. Examines a wide range of policy topics to understand and evaluate how different policy strategies evolve in the interplay between branches and levels of government.

LWP 6451. Public Policy Theory and Practice 2. 2,4 Hours.
Focuses on crafting effective strategies for advancing public policy changes at the federal, state, and local level using a range of legislation, litigation, and other policy tools. Guest experts lecture and lead class discussions. Students are expected to analyze policy change options and to evaluate which strategies are most likely to produce desired changes. Selected students are asked to moderate class debates. Offers students an opportunity to develop a theory-based and pragmatic framework for developing effective strategies for achieving desired policy change across a broad spectrum of issues and at all levels of government. Students are asked to also examine ideas and proposals raised in their doctoral theses.

LWP 6452. Public Policy Theory and Practice 3. 2,4 Hours.
Focuses on crafting effective strategies for advancing public policy changes at the federal, state, and local level using a range of legislation, litigation, and other policy tools. Potential topics include, but are not limited to, health policy, rights policy, criminal justice, education policy, immigration policy, and housing policy. Guest experts lecture and initiate class discussions. Students are expected to analyze policy change options and propose strategies to produce desired policy changes. Selected students are asked to lead and moderate class debates. Offers students an opportunity to develop a theory-based and pragmatic framework for developing effective strategies for achieving desired policy change across a broad spectrum of issues and at all levels of government.

LWP 6500. Doctoral Research Design 1. 2 Hours.
Offers students an opportunity to begin to develop their thesis project, to review and understand different approaches to policy research design, and to learn basic literature search/bibliographic review techniques. By the end of the course, students are expected to have written a literature review in their topic of interest and to produce a general project purpose statement that will guide the design of their thesis project.

LWP 6501. Doctoral Research Design 2. 2 Hours.
Offers students an opportunity to continue to develop their thesis project and to review and understand the range of choices in policy research design. Reviews various methods of data collection. Students explore how to connect their project purpose to appropriate data collection methods, emphasizing qualitative methods and survey design. At the end of this course, students are expected to have written a thesis project proposal to submit to their thesis committee for approval.

LWP 6502. Doctoral Research Design 3. 2 Hours.
Offers students an opportunity to continue to develop their thesis project and to review and understand the range of choices for the analysis and interpretation of data. Students are expected to finalize their data collection tools and also begin data collection during this course. At the end of this course, students are expected to have written the final description of the research design and method as well as the analytic protocol for their project.

LWP 6503. Doctoral Research Design 4. 2,6 Hours.
Offers students an opportunity to finalize and move toward the completion of their thesis project. Also offers students an opportunity to explore the conclusions that are possible from the results of their data collection and analysis and, as part of this, to finalize their analytic protocols. Students are expected to understand how to write a thesis. At the end of this course, students should have written an outline for their thesis and a final description of design and methods of their thesis project, as well as present their research projects and preliminary findings.

LWP 6531. Independent Study. 1-4 Hours.
Offers independent work under the direction of members of the department on a chosen topic.

LWP 6535. Directed Study. 1-4 Hours.
Offers independent work under the direction of members of the department on a chosen topic.

LWP 6561. Internship. 1-4 Hours.
Provides eligible students with an opportunity for work experience. May be repeated without limit.

LWP 6562. Elective. 1-4 Hours.
Offers eligible students with an opportunity for internship work. May be repeated without limit.

LWP 6564. Co-op. 0 Hours.
Provides eligible students with an opportunity for work experience.

LWP 6566. Practicum. 1-4 Hours.
Provides eligible students with an opportunity for practical experience.

LWP 6570. Seminar. 1-4 Hours.
Offers an in-depth study of selected topics.

LWP 6580. Capstone. 1-4 Hours.
Offers students an opportunity to integrate their course work, knowledge, and experiences into a capstone project.

LWP 6593. Topics. 1-4 Hours.
Covers special topics in law and policy. May be repeated without limit.

LWP 6595. Project. 1-4 Hours.
Focuses on in-depth project in which a student conducts research or produces a product related to the student’s major field. May be repeated without limit.

LWP 7961. Internship. 1-4 Hours.
Provides students with an internship experience. May be repeated without limit.

LWP 7962. Elective. 1-4 Hours.
Offers elective credit for courses taken at other academic institutions. May be repeated without limit.

LWP 7964. Co-op. 0 Hours.
Provides eligible students with an opportunity for work experience.

LWP 7966. Practicum. 1-4 Hours.
Provides eligible students with an opportunity for work experience.

LWP 7970. Seminar. 1-4 Hours.
Offers an in-depth study of selected topics.

LWP 7980. Capstone. 1-4 Hours.
Offers students an opportunity to integrate their course work, knowledge, and experiences into a capstone project.

LWP 7983. Topics. 1-4 Hours.
Covers special topics in law and policy. May be repeated without limit.

LWP 7995. Project. 1-4 Hours.
Focuses on in-depth project in which a student conducts research or produces a product related to the student’s major field. May be repeated without limit.

LWP 7996. Practicum. 1-4 Hours.
Provides students with an internship experience. May be repeated without limit.

LWP 7997. Directed Study. 1-4 Hours.
Offers independent work under the direction of members of the department on a chosen topic.

LWP 7998. Independent Study. 1-4 Hours.
Offers independent work under the direction of members of the department on a chosen topic.
LWP 7980. Capstone. 1-4 Hours.
Offers students an opportunity to integrate their course work, knowledge, and experiences into a capstone project.

LWP 7983. Topics. 1-4 Hours.
Covers special topics in law and policy. May be repeated without limit.

LWP 7990. Doctoral Thesis. 1-4 Hours.
Offers thesis supervision by faculty members teaching the program.

LWP 7994. Thesis Continuation—Part Time. 0 Hours.
Offers continued thesis supervision by members of the program. May be repeated up to three times.

LWP 7995. Project. 1-4 Hours.
Focuses on in-depth project in which a student conducts research or produces a product related to the student’s major field. May be repeated without limit.

LWP 7996. Thesis Continuation. 0 Hours.
Offers continuing thesis supervision by members of the department.

LWP 8964. Co-op Work Experience. 0 Hours.
Provides eligible students with an opportunity for work experience.

LWP 8966. Practicum. 1-4 Hours.
Provides eligible students with an opportunity for practical experience.

LWP 8982. Readings. 1-4 Hours.
Offers selected readings under the supervision of a faculty member.

LWP 8984. Research. 1-4 Hours.
Offers students an opportunity to conduct research under faculty supervision.

LWP 8986. Research. 0 Hours.
Offers students an opportunity to conduct research under faculty supervision.

LWP 9984. Research. 1-4 Hours.
Offers students an opportunity to conduct research under faculty supervision.

LWP 9986. Research. 0 Hours.
Offers students an opportunity to conduct research under faculty supervision.

LWP 9996. Dissertation Continuation. 0 Hours.
Offers continued dissertation supervision by members of the department.