



FCS 5962/6962 FAMILY ADVOCACY AND POLICY

Objectives of the Course:

1. To introduce theoretical and empirical literature on family policy and advocacy in UT, U.S. and worldwide.
2. To explore the role of public opinion, political culture, elite power and social stratification on formation and maintenance of global family policies.
3. To examine federal, state, local interstate and international responses to family issues by government entities—compare outcomes & consequences.
4. To learn real life examples of family policy formation, implementation service and programs—as well as intended and unintended consequences of policy design.
5. To discuss policy options, evaluations and potential for reform and/or discontinuation.
6. Familiarize students with Utah State Legislative process and outcomes—including option of Community Engaged Learning (CEL) lobby with non-profits Utah State Legislature.

Course Structure: 3 exams, 1 community project or UT lobbying, Presentation/paper & attendance

Examples of possible paper/presentation family policy topics in Utah, US or international policy:

Pension/ Social Security	Domestic Violence Policy	Welfare	Poverty	Minimum/ Living Wage
Long Term Care	Substance Abuse Policy	Reproduction	Abortion	DACA Dreamers
Adoption	Human Trafficking Policy	Adoption	CHIP	Euthanasia/ Assisted Suicide
Reproductive Tech	Divorce Policy / Ban	Anti-natalist	Pro-natalist	International child exploitation
Child Protection	Foster Care Policy	Child Support	Preschool	Education, Home School/ online
HIV/AIDS Policy	Segregation/Housing	Homelessness	Mental Illness	Institutionalization v. Community
Marriage Policy	Caste Systems/Inequality	Disabilities, ADA	Health Care	Parental leave, mater/paternity
Family Benefit Systems	Suicide Prevention/anti-bully	Polygamy	Cohabitation	Step Family Legal Rights
Orphanages	Military Service/Benefits	Infant Mortality	Public Housing	Family Court/Divorce/Custody
Teen Parents	Remarried Families	Inheritance	Tax Credits	Daycare Quality/ Subsidy
Fam Friendly Workplace	Child Labor/Exploitation	Prenatal Care	Dowry	Policy Evaluation
Immigration policy, wall	Opioid Addiction policy	Private Charities	LGBT Rights	Nutrition/Hunger Assistance
Welfare Reform	Women, Infants, Children WIC	Elder Care	Medicare/caid	Lottery/Gambling
Fertility-Family Planning	Life Expectancy/Quality of life	State's Rights	Federalism	Family Policy Bill to Law
Lobbying & Influence	Specific Federal Legislation	Political Ethics	Regulations	Citizens United Decision
SCOTUS Decisions	Workplace/Ed Sexual Harassment	Higher Ed	College Loans	Mortgage Crisis/Stimulus
Women's Rights	Racial/Ethnic Inequality	Vaccines	ACA/Reform	SNAP/Food Stamps
Climate Policy	Environmental Pollutants	Local Govt	Tax Reform	National Parks/Federal Land
Homeland Security	Violence Prevention Policy	Juvenile Justice	Incarceration	Internet Regulation
Corporate Welfare	Food Labels/GMO	Gap Rich/Poor	Child Brides	Firearms Availability/Safety
Human Cloning	Technology Regulation	Police Brutality	School lunch	Unemployment/ Underemploymt
Sustainability	Natural Disasters & Aid	Child Abuse	Elder Abuse	Decennial Census
Gerrymandering	Campaign Finance/Elections	Work/Family	Uninsured	Special Interests (Big Pharm, etc.)
Electoral College	Working at Home/Telecommuting	Title IX	Sanitation	Transportation Regulation
Consumer Protections	Civil Liberties ACLU	Surrogacy	Birth Control	Anti-Bullying Policy
Malnutrition	Obesity Cause/Policy Prevention	Victim Rights	Conservation	Minority Grp Discrimination
Native American Rights	Prep for Aging Population	Shelters/VAWA	Middle Class	Poverty Safety Net
China One Child Policy	Single Provider Health Insurance	Civil Rights Acts	War on Poverty	Medical Cannabis Policy