COURSE OUTLINE

Course Code / Title   **:** HA3080 Special Topics in Public Policy

Pre-requisites   **:** HA1002, HA1003

No. of AUs.   **:** 3

Contact Hours   **:** 39

Course Aims

It is a seminar-based course designed to equip students with a broad understanding of contemporary public policy theories, practices, and innovations. The module explores the evolution of public policy from classical foundations to modern approaches, while engaging students with real-world challenges such as governance innovation, digital transformation, climate change, social inclusion, gender equality, and sustainability.

Through interactive lectures, group discussions, debates, case studies, and applied group projects, students will critically analyze how public policies are designed, decided, and implemented under conditions of complexity and uncertainty. The course stresses the importance of participatory and innovative approaches that make governance more agile, inclusive, and future-oriented.

Intended Learning Outcomes (ILO)

Upon successful completion of this module, students will be able to:

Knowledge & Understanding

- Explain classical and modern theories of public policy and their relevance to contemporary governance.
- Evaluate policy challenges through multiple lenses: technical, political, economic, social, environmental, and ethical.

Cognitive Skills

- Critically analyze policy processes, including design thinking, decision-making, and implementation.
- Assess competing arguments and perspectives through structured debates on public policy dilemmas.

Applied & Practical Skills

- Design innovative policy proposals that integrate inclusivity, sustainability, and justice.
- Apply tools such as stakeholder analysis, design thinking, foresight, and gender mainstreaming to real policy problems.

<u>Knowledge Communication Skills</u>

- Collaborate effectively in group settings to co-create policy solutions.
- Communicate complex ideas persuasively in both written and oral formats.
- Demonstrate reflective thinking on the role of public policy in addressing global, regional, and local challenges.

Course Content

Week	Topic
1	Introduction to Classical Public Policy
2	Introduction to Modern Public Policy
3	Public Policy Design
4	Public Policy Decision Making
5	Public Sector Innovation
6	People-Centered Governance
7	Agile Governance
8	Digital Government
9	Public Policy and Climate Change
10	Public Policy and Social Inclusion
11	Public Policy and Gender Equality
12	Public Policy and Sustainability
13	Review and Synthesis

Course Assessment

Class Participation	10%
Group Debate	20%
Group Project Report	20%
Final Essay	50%
Total	**--------**
	100%