(PPIA) PPIA 2380 (3). GATEWAY TO GLOBAL POLICYMAKING. Examines foreign, economic, and domestic policy issues and analyzes the ways policy is made in the United States. Students look at the interaction of substantive policy problems, policy tools, and organizational structures at the local, national, and international levels, while considering the ethics of political choices. Reserved for Tower Scholars.

PPIA 3301 (3). JUNIOR-YEAR POLICY SEMINAR: THEORETICAL PUBLIC POLICY. First of a two-part sequence. Students review policy case studies and learn how to analyze and interpret data related to public policy issues. They apply what they learn during the following term, in PPIA 3302. Reserved for Tower Scholars.

PPIA 3302 (3). JUNIOR-YEAR POLICY SEMINAR: PUBLIC POLICY IN PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE. Second of a two-part sequence. Students work on a specific policy-related project from a real-world setting. Culminates in written policy recommendations presented to a nonacademic client. Prerequisite: PPIA 3301. Reserved for Tower Scholars.

PPIA 4306 (3). TOWER SCHOLARS POLICY-RELATED INTERNSHIP. Offers Tower Scholars experience in varied organizations and agencies. Students conduct in-depth research, analysis, and structured reflection on an assigned policy issue. Includes interviews and discussions off-campus, research online and in the SMU libraries, and completion of a significant and useful research paper. During weekly class meetings, students relate their fieldwork experiences to readings, discussions, and the shared experiences of fellow Tower Scholars. Reserved for Tower Scholars.

PLSC 3320 (3). PRINCIPLES OF PUBLIC POLICY. Public policy is the study of the outcome of the political process. Parties, pressure groups, bureaucracies, and legislative bodies are part of the mix that creates the decisions that govern U.S. domestic social policy, international economic policy, and defense policy. Prerequisites: ECO 1311, PLSC 1320. Recommended: ECO 1312 and PLSC 1340 or 1380.