

Course Syllabus

Class/Department : International Program on Urban Governance

Course Title: Seminar on Local Governance 地方治理專題

Grade(應修系級) : Grade I

Type: Required Selective Whole Half

Credits: 2

Course Number:

Prerequisite Course: None

Course Description:

This course is designed to introduce students to the field of local governance in the discipline of public administration, including basic concepts, theorists, vocabulary, and contemporary issues. Students will learn how to undertake the research relevant to local governance issues through a combination of class lectures, in-class activities and presentations. Whether your terminating field is in the public, private, or non-profit sector, having a general knowledge of the purpose and function of local government is an important foundation to actively participate in society.

Course Objective:

- Provide a foundation for understanding the basic concepts of local governance
- Broadly survey literature that is critical to the history and development of local governance
- Identify and address issues and problems relevant to the field of local governance

Course Outline: (including teaching schedule):

1 overview the course

2-3 Institutional foundation of local governance & Institutional incentives and policy choice

4-5 Constituencies, contacting and casework & Leadership turnover and the delivery of city services

6-7 Turnover, time horizons, and credible commitments & External constraints and local policy choice

8-9 mid-term report

10-11 Institutions and local government

12-13 Political and administrative cities & Adapted cities

14-16 The use of performance information & Interlocal energy collaboration

17-18 final report

學生核心能力權重：八項加總為 100，不需每項均得填寫，惟至少需填一項

Item	Creative thinking and Problem-solving 創意思考與問題解決	Comprehensive integration 綜合統整	Communication and Coordination 溝通協調	Team cooperation 團隊合作
Weight	10	20	10	10
Item	Integrity and Upright 誠信正直	Respect and Reflection 尊重自省	Diverse care 多元關懷	Cross-border cooperation 跨界合作
Weight	10	10	10	20

Career Development:

The training of this course can develop student capacity to undertake the local government jobs, council jobs, and news, conferences and events for professionals in local governments and councils.

Evaluation Methods:

Class Attendance & Participation	25%
Midterm Activities	25%
Presentation	25%
Final Paper	25%
Total	100%

Required texts:

Chen, Ssu-Hsien (2013). "U.S. Interlocal Energy Collaboration on Energy Efficiency, Sustainability and Climate Protection". *EURAMERICA*, 43(3): 455-536.

Chen, Ssu-Hsien (2013). "Exploring the Use of Performance Information in Municipal Governments—Modeling from the Two-Stage Heckman Selection Estimation". *Soochow Journal of Political Science*, 31(2): 139-201.

Clingermayer, James C. and Richard C. Feiock (2001). *Institutional Constraints and Policy Choice-An Exploration of Local Governance*. Albany: State University of New York Press.

Frederickson, H. George, Gary A. Johnson, and Curtis H. Wood (2004). *The Adapted City-Institutional Dynamics and Structural Change*. New York: M. E. Sharpe, Inc.

North, Douglass C. (1990). *Institutions, Institutional Change and Economic Performance*. New York: Cambridge.