

SOCIAL RESEARCH & PUBLIC POLICY (SRPP-UH)

SRPP-UH 1413X Social Change and Development in the Arab World (4 Credits)

Typically offered occasionally

The "Arab World" is often lumped into one homogeneous category, which conceals the diversity found within this broad region. Keeping this in mind, this course will examine the unfolding of the "development project" in the postcolonial period and up to our present day in various Arab nation states. Beginning with an excerpt from the Arab Human Development Report, students will take a critical look at how development is defined and measured. Culture and religion have often been invoked as the major obstacles to development in the Arab World. This course will engage with this discourse as through exploring facets of modern day colonialism. What are the new tools and institutions of this new colonialism? How has this affected development and social struggle? The class will be organized around themes and corresponding case studies. Students will engage the idea of "development" in areas of education, economics, natural resources, women's rights, and social welfare. Students will also examine home-grown counter movements, focusing on youth efforts of organizing.

Grading: Ugrd Abu Dhabi Graded

Repeatable for additional credit: No

- Bulletin Categories: Arab Crossroads Studies: Society Politics
- Bulletin Categories: Core: Structures of Thought Society
- Bulletin Categories: SRPP: Social Structure Global Processes
- Crosslisted with: Arab Crossroads Studies Major: Required
- Crosslisted with: Arab Crossroads Studies
- Crosslisted with: Core: Structures of Thought Society
- Crosslisted with: SRPP: Major Soc Sci Required
- Crosslisted with: Social Research Public Policy

SRPP-UH 1617 Sociology of Entrepreneurship (4 Credits)

Typically offered Fall

Entrepreneurship is the principal source of economic development, technological innovation, and creation of wealth and jobs in market economies. This course is concerned with entrepreneurship, with a special emphasis on the recent work by sociologists and sociologically-oriented organizational theorist that investigates central questions in entrepreneurship. Throughout the semester, we will understand various ways in which the social sciences have provided theoretical insights into entrepreneurial behavior in its broader social, institutional, technological and cross-national contexts. Furthermore, we will also understand entrepreneurship from a more practical view by utilizing case studies. Additionally, we will explore timely important topics related to entrepreneurship, and identify sources of data / information during the last few classes.

Grading: Ugrd Abu Dhabi Graded

Repeatable for additional credit: No

- Bulletin Categories: BOS: General Business Electives
- Bulletin Categories: SRPP: Institutions Public Policy
- Crosslisted with: Business, Organizations, and Society
- Crosslisted with: SRPP: Major Soc Sci Required
- Crosslisted with: Social Research Public Policy

SRPP-UH 1701 International Migration in Global Perspective (4 Credits)

Typically offered Fall

This course introduces students to foundational texts and theories within migration studies, engaging with the work of key migration scholars who have helped shape and extend our understanding of why and how international migration occurs. For the first half of the course, students will explore a different theoretical question relating to international migration each week e.g. Why do people leave their home countries? Who actually makes the migration decision? Through these questions, students will explore the role played by individual-level factors, households, networks, industry actors, and governments in shaping the migration processes. During the second half of the course, students will be exposed to questions about the post-migration experience and migrants' impacts on their sending and receiving countries/communities. The literature on select categories of migrants (e.g. trafficking victims, refugees/asylum seekers, undocumented migrants, highly skilled migrants, lifestyle migrants, etc.) will also be introduced to students, giving them an opportunity to understand the specific issues faced by each migrant sub-population pre- and post-migration.

Grading: Ugrd Abu Dhabi Graded

Repeatable for additional credit: No

- Bulletin Categories: SRPP: Institutions Public Policy
- Bulletin Categories: SRPP: Social Structure Global Processes
- Crosslisted with: SRPP: Major Soc Sci Required
- Crosslisted with: Social Research Public Policy

SRPP-UH 1810X Islam and Society (4 Credits)

Typically offered Spring

In this seminar, students will come to understand the diverse and dynamic roles that religious and cultural Islam can play in contemporary societies, especially those in the "Middle East" and North Africa. After critically examining what might be meant by Islam and Muslims in the first place, students will use social scientific case studies to investigate how Islam does (or does not) come to matter in various sectors of society, including government and the state, the legal system, politics and social movements, gender relations, sexuality, education, the economy, popular culture, and everyday life. By the end of this course, students will be able to critically analyze the ways that religious and cultural Islam can impact society and social life. Each student will be expected to complete a final research project exploring the core questions posed by the course.

Grading: Ugrd Abu Dhabi Graded

Repeatable for additional credit: No

- Bulletin Categories: Arab Crossroads Studies: Society Politics
- Bulletin Categories: SRPP: Society Culture
- Crosslisted with: Arab Crossroads Studies Major: Required
- Crosslisted with: Arab Crossroads Studies
- Crosslisted with: SRPP: Major Soc Sci Required
- Crosslisted with: Social Research Public Policy

SRPP-UH 1816 Crime and Deviance (4 Credits)*Typically offered Spring*

This course introduces the key concepts and theoretical approaches in the sociological study of crime and deviance. The objective of the class is not to provide a mass of hard facts about crime and deviance, but to make students familiar with different ways of viewing and explaining crime and deviance and to develop a critical, analytical perspective and an ability to use concepts and theories from the criminological tradition to frame arguments about crime-related issues from a sociological perspective.

Grading: Ugrd Abu Dhabi Graded**Repeatable for additional credit:** No

- Bulletin Categories: SRPP Institutions Public Policy
- Bulletin Categories: SRPP. Society Culture
- Bulletin Categories: Social Research Public Policy Minor: Elective

SRPP-UH 1818 Gender, Policy and Politics (4 Credits)*Typically offered Spring*

This course is designed to provide a survey of gender in politics and policies around the world. The course is divided into three modules. First module provides an overview of access to formal political power. This module discusses women's participation in politics, the history of suffrage, and role of quotas in politics. It also discusses the role of activists and social movements in highlighting gender-based policy agendas. The second module focuses on some major issues of public policy which are related to gender including reproductive and gender affirming healthcare; work and employment; gender based violence; education and global economy. Final module focuses more specifically on different regions of the world to discuss the specific challenges in creating gender equity resulting from geopolitical and historical specificities.

Grading: Ugrd Abu Dhabi Graded**Repeatable for additional credit:** No

- Bulletin Categories: Political Science: Breadth Electives
- Bulletin Categories: SRPP. Institutions Public Policy
- Bulletin Categories: SRPP. Society Culture
- Crosslisted with: Political Science Major: Social Science Required
- Crosslisted with: Political Science
- Crosslisted with: SRPP. Major Soc Sci Required
- Crosslisted with: Social Research Public Policy

SRPP-UH 2211 Ethnographic Field Research (4 Credits)*Typically offered Fall and Spring*

The course offers a practical introduction to the theoretical and methodological issues of ethnographic field research. The course offers students hands-on experience to carry out ethnographic field research, conduct in-depth interviews and carry out participant observations.

Grading: Ugrd Abu Dhabi Graded**Repeatable for additional credit:** No

- Bulletin Categories: Anthropology Minor: Electives
- Bulletin Categories: Arab Crossroads Studies: Society Politics
- Bulletin Categories: Heritage Studies: Mgt Research Methods Electives
- Bulletin Categories: SRPP. Methods Electives
- Crosslisted with: Anthropology
- Crosslisted with: Arab Crossroads Studies Major: Required
- Crosslisted with: Arab Crossroads Studies
- Crosslisted with: Heritage Studies
- Crosslisted with: SRPP. Major Soc Sci Required
- Crosslisted with: Social Research Public Policy

SRPP-UH 2214 Interview Methods (4 Credits)*Typically offered Fall*

This course serves as an introduction to qualitative research methods with a focus on interviewing. Students will discuss a range of interview-based research methods. In qualitative research, researchers often have a significant impact on the lives of study participants and are in turn changed by the experience of fieldwork. This carries with it some weighty responsibilities and introduces unique issues of ethics and data interpretation. Students will deal systematically with these issues and with the procedures of research design, transcribing interviews, coding and analyzing data, and finally writing up the research in a coherent paper. Students will have extensive opportunity to learn through doing. One goal of the course is to get students to practice and hone their craft.

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- Bulletin Categories: Political Science: Methods
- Bulletin Categories: SRPP Methods Electives
- Crosslisted with: Political Science Major: Social Science Required
- Crosslisted with: Political Science

SRPP-UH 2410 Gender and Society (4 Credits)*Typically offered Spring*

In every society, people are assigned to one sex (male or female) at birth based on their anatomy, and this classification affects how they are expected to behave as gendered individuals (men/women/trans) and the opportunities and constraints they confront. However, how gender is organized varies between societies and subgroups in societies and across time. This means that genders and gendered traits are products of social practices and institutions. This course draws from sociology and other social sciences, to help students understand the social forces that create gender ideologies, differences between men's and women's social roles, and inequality between men's and women's access to power and money.

Grading: Ugrd Abu Dhabi Graded**Repeatable for additional credit:** No

- Bulletin Categories: Core: Structures of Thought Society
- Bulletin Categories: Gender St: Social, Political Cultural Structures
- Bulletin Categories: SRPP. Social Structure Global Processes
- Crosslisted with: Core: Structures of Thought Society
- Crosslisted with: Gender Studies
- Crosslisted with: SRPP. Major Soc Sci Required
- Crosslisted with: Social Research Public Policy

SRPP-UH 2412X Islamist Social Movements in the Middle East (4 Credits)*Typically offered Spring*

This course critically examines theories and case studies of religious social movements with a special focus on Islamist social movements in the Middle East. The course is divided into two parts. The first half of the course will begin by introducing students to the theories of social movements, highlighting the different repertoires movements adopt based on the political and cultural contexts in which they are embedded. It will then move on to exploring the role of Islam in local and global social movements. We will examine the roots, manifestations, and long-term implications of Islamist movements. How has Islam become the language of opposition in the Muslim world? What are the causes of popular mobilization that have collectively given rise to an "Islamic revival"? What kind of strategies do Islamist activists adopt? What do they want to accomplish? What are the broader social, political, and cultural consequences of such mobilizations? In the second half of the course, we will turn to empirical cases of Islamist movements, analyzing their characteristics in relation to topics such as nationalism, colonialism, civil society, Sufism, and the role of women. We will compare Islamist movements from a variety of countries in the region, including Egypt, Iran, Saudi Arabia, Pakistan, Algeria, and Tunisia.

Grading: Ugrd Abu Dhabi Graded**Repeatable for additional credit:** No

- Bulletin Categories: Arab Crossroads Studies: Society Politics
- Bulletin Categories: Political Science: Breadth Electives
- Bulletin Categories: SRPP. Social Structure Global Processes
- Crosslisted with: Arab Crossroads Studies Major: Required
- Crosslisted with: Arab Crossroads Studies
- Crosslisted with: Political Science Major: Social Science Required
- Crosslisted with: Political Science
- Crosslisted with: SRPP. Major Soc Sci Required
- Crosslisted with: Social Research Public Policy

SRPP-UH 2414 Global Family Policies and Laws (4 Credits)*Typically offered Fall*

This course introduces students to the role of public policies in different domains of family life adopting a cross-national comparative perspective. It will consider family domains such as fertility, marriage, housework, childrearing, migration, elderly care, etc., and discuss recent scholarship and policy reports (from OECD, UNICEF, World Bank, etc.) problematizing: i) how/why families are changing around the world, and ii) how different policies sustain or hinder some of these changes. The nature of the course is dynamic, interactive, and applied to concrete case studies of policies that have been designed and implemented in different parts of the world, including childcare subsidies, family planning programs, child labor provisions, income assistance for single parents, changes in age at marriage laws, LGBTQ+ rights, parental leave provisions, housing assistance, etc. In doing so, the course emphasizes change, culture, the polity, and the economy as key contextual variables in shaping the relationship between families and family policies throughout the world. Lectures will strike a 50-50 balance between policies implemented in high-income and low- and middle-income societies.

Grading: Ugrd Abu Dhabi Graded**Repeatable for additional credit:** No

- Bulletin Categories: Legal Studies: Electives
- Bulletin Categories: SRPP. Institutions Public Policy
- Bulletin Categories: SRPP. Social Structure Global Processes
- Bulletin Categories: SRPP. Society Culture
- Crosslisted with: Legal Studies
- Crosslisted with: NO LONGER USED
- Crosslisted with: SRPP. Major Soc Sci Required
- Crosslisted with: Social Research Public Policy

SRPP-UH 2416X Gulf Urban Societies (4 Credits)*Typically offered occasionally*

The spectacular development of Gulf cities in the second half of the 20th century was accompanied by great demographic and social change. This course, conceived as an introduction to the field of Gulf studies, explores the transformations of Gulf urban societies in the modern and contemporary periods, as well as their social, political, and urban consequences. With a critical approach to both official historical narratives and dominant analytical paradigms such as the rentier state theory, we will rely on social history and anthropology to explore social processes at the scale of the city. We will contrast the production of space through urban planning and its institutional actors with the way city-dwellers appropriate and shape the materiality of urban space in their daily lives, from street corners to upscale shopping malls. We will explore the linguistic, ethnic, and religious diversity of Gulf cities' inhabitants - both nationals and foreign residents - through looking at historical and contemporary migrations and the complex questions they raise in terms of belonging and citizenship. From there, we will examine how social change has affected gender roles and brought about transformations in marriage and family life which have become a major topic of concern for governments.

Grading: Ugrd Abu Dhabi Graded**Repeatable for additional credit:** No

- Bulletin Categories: Anthropology Minor: Electives
- Bulletin Categories: Arab Crossroads Studies: Society Politics
- Bulletin Categories: Arab Music Studies Minor: Arab Crossroads Elective
- Bulletin Categories: SRPP. Society Culture
- Bulletin Categories: Urbanization Courses
- Bulletin Categories: Urbanization
- Crosslisted with: Anthropology
- Crosslisted with: Arab Crossroads Studies Major: Required
- Crosslisted with: Arab Crossroads Studies
- Crosslisted with: Arab Music Studies
- Crosslisted with: SRPP. Major Soc Sci Required
- Crosslisted with: Social Research Public Policy
- Crosslisted with: Urbanization Courses
- Crosslisted with: Urbanization

SRPP-UH 2418 Politics and Society (4 Credits)*Typically offered Fall*

To many, the state appears as the preeminent nexus of political power in the contemporary world. It controls population movements, it wages war, it hands out rights, it sets the law. Indeed, the random happenstance of being born in a particular country is the greatest determinate of a person's life chances. Yet the nation-state is not all-powerful, nor is it the only way of organizing a polity, as a long history of empire and colonialism demonstrates. This course will unpack the operation of state power and its intersection with society, while also probing the state's limits, contradictions, and alternatives to it. This class will begin by introducing some of the canonical writings of political sociology that set out some preliminaries of the relationship between politics and society. It will then examine the nature of empire and some of its legacies as well as considering the impact of nationalism, citizenship, and the regulation of migration. The second half of the course will turn to social movements as well as the impact of social media on political participation, before ending with a discussion of the rise of populism, neoliberalism and the growth and limits of globalization.

Grading: Ugrd Abu Dhabi Graded**Repeatable for additional credit:** No

- Bulletin Categories: Political Science: Breadth Electives
- Bulletin Categories: SRPP. Social Structure Global Processes
- Crosslisted with: Political Science Major: Social Science Required
- Crosslisted with: Political Science
- Crosslisted with: SRPP. Major Soc Sci Required
- Crosslisted with: Social Research Public Policy

SRPP-UH 2419 Migration Policy (4 Credits)*Typically offered Spring*

This course introduces students to key areas of contemporary policy concern in the realm of international migration - including immigrant integration, naturalization and citizenship, border control, brain drain, temporary guestworker regimes, refugees, undocumented migration, etc. Adopting a global perspective, it focuses on both the international and domestic policies that deal with migration issues and migrants, and highlights the ongoing difficulties in developing a global migration regime. By the end of this course, students will have acquired a shared vocabulary on the key organizations, treaties, and policy instruments that relate to international migration flows. Students will become familiar with key migration policy debates from sending country, receiving country, and bilateral and multilateral perspectives. Students will also critically engage with the ethics of migration policies and migration management. Finally, the course provides students with the opportunity to suggest migration policy improvements in areas of interest through the in-depth analysis of a migration "problem" of their choosing and the writing of a migration policy report.

Grading: Ugrd Abu Dhabi Graded**Repeatable for additional credit:** No**Prerequisites:** Must be Sophomore standing or higher.

- Bulletin Categories: SRPP. Institutions Public Policy
- Bulletin Categories: SRPP. Social Structure Global Processes

SRPP-UH 2420 The Mafia Business: Sociological Approach (4 Credits)*Typically offered Fall*

Organized crime (or broadly understood 'mafia') means the systematic use of force in market operations. This borders on state power (use of force) and capitalism (money-making). Yet the mafia undermines both institutions. Why? Is it a conspiracy? Deviance? Immigrant subculture? How to study the social issues for which our IRB might never grant permission? The sociological approach would first ask where and when does mafia occur. From the original 'classic' case of Sicily, we extend a theory to understand the varieties of 'violent' entrepreneurs: Chinese triads, Japan's yakuzza, Soviet-era vor v zakone, Indian dacoit, South African tsotsi, Latin American narco-cartels, etc. A robust theory must help us to speak meaningfully on policy dilemmas, public concerns, and, of course, films like the Godfather.

Grading: Ugrd Abu Dhabi Graded**Repeatable for additional credit:** No

- Bulletin Categories: Peace Studies Minor: Electives
- Bulletin Categories: SRPP. Institutions Public Policy
- Bulletin Categories: SRPP. Social Structure Global Processes
- Bulletin Categories: SRPP. Society Culture
- Crosslisted with: Peace Studies Minor: Required
- Crosslisted with: Peace Studies
- Crosslisted with: SRPP. Major Soc Sci Required
- Crosslisted with: Social Research Public Policy

SRPP-UH 2421 Sociology of Economic Life (4 Credits)*Typically offered Spring*

This course introduces students to concepts, modes of analysis, and lines of argument in economic sociology. The term "economic sociology" includes two strands: first, scholarship on the relationship between political and economic life (or: political economy); second, scholarship on subjects now understood as the conventional concerns of economics (money; the economic behavior of groups, organizations, and persons; economic institutions, including markets). The course is organized in two parts. Part I covers foundational scholarship, in two categories: the political economy of capitalism/racial capitalism and efforts to conceptualize or reconceptualize the role of culture, rationality, and ideas in economic life. In Part II we will consider attempts to reorient or re-work foundational scholarship and recent analyses of the specific nature of present-day capitalism. Discussions and assignments aim to deepen student understanding of readings and research findings, and to foster critical thinking about the connections between economic experience, history, conceptualization, and analysis of economic world(s).

Grading: Ugrd Abu Dhabi Graded**Repeatable for additional credit:** No**Prerequisites:** SOCSC-UH 1310 or SOCSC-UH 1312.

- Bulletin Categories: SRPP. Social Structure Global Processes
- Bulletin Categories: SRPP. Society Culture
- Bulletin Categories: Social Research Public Policy Minor: Elective
- Crosslisted with: SRPP. Major Soc Sci Required
- Crosslisted with: Social Research Public Policy

SRPP-UH 2422 Gender and Migration (4 Credits)*Typically offered Spring*

This course explores the relationships between gender and migration, introducing students to key concepts in gender theory applied to the field of international migration. The core literature will draw on feminist and critical migration scholarship across several disciplines and from around the world, to help students develop an understanding of how migration and diaspora experiences are gendered and how gender impacts current migration patterns and migrants' lived experiences. At the same time, students will also explore this relationship in reverse, looking at how migration impacts gender relations and outcomes around the world. Students will gain familiarity with the historical trajectory of gender and migration scholarship, to better understand recent advances in the field and where outstanding questions remain unanswered. During the second half of the course, students will examine case studies of various gendered migrant groups, from migrant domestic workers to marriage migrants, and how gender manifests itself in these migrants' lives pre- and post-migration. Students will also conduct their own interview-based research on gendered migrations.

Grading: Ugrd Abu Dhabi Graded**Repeatable for additional credit:** No**Prerequisites:** Sophomore standing or higher.

- Bulletin Categories: Gender St: Social, Political Cultural Structures
- Bulletin Categories: Gender Studies: Critical Theories of Gender
- Bulletin Categories: Gender Studies: Empirical Analysis of Gender
- Bulletin Categories: SRPP. Social Structure Global Processes
- Bulletin Categories: Social Research Public Policy Minor: Elective
- Crosslisted with: Gender Studies
- Crosslisted with: SRPP. Major Soc Sci Required
- Crosslisted with: Social Research Public Policy

SRPP-UH 2610 Introduction to Public Policy (4 Credits)*Typically offered Fall and Spring*

Public policy affects our lives in profound ways even when we are not aware of them. What we eat, how we recycle, or when we disclose personal information on the internet are all examples of choices largely determined by public policies. This course is an introduction to public policy, why it is important, and how it involves simultaneous ethical, political, and problem-solving processes. The course introduces students to the ways in which a variety of actors and institutions at the national and transnational levels interactively contribute to public policy. The course is divided into two parts. The first part provides an overview of the basic concepts underlying the public policy process and the second part provides critical perspectives on public policy-making in theory and practice.

Grading: Ugrd Abu Dhabi Graded**Repeatable for additional credit:** No

- Bulletin Categories: SRPP Conc: Policy Analysis Required
- Bulletin Categories: SRPP. Institutions Public Policy
- Crosslisted with: SRPP. Major Soc Sci Required
- Crosslisted with: Social Research Public Policy

SRPP-UH 2611 Social Policy (4 Credits)*Typically offered occasionally*

Issues such as poverty, inequalities of access to resources as well as social and political institutions, and the maldistribution of opportunities for education, health care, and employment compel governments everywhere to develop social policies that attempt to improve the well-being of individuals and families. They do so through a bundle of programs known as the welfare state. This course aims to provide both an advanced introduction to actually social policy regimes in both the developed as well as the developing welfare states around the world, as well as some of the contemporary policy debates concerning future directions. The class will also pay attention and gain some direct experience in developing concrete social policy proposals aimed at addressing important societal problems.

Grading: Ugrd Abu Dhabi Graded**Repeatable for additional credit:** No

- Bulletin Categories: Environmental Studies: Envr Policy
- Bulletin Categories: Environmental Studies: Envr Science
- Bulletin Categories: Political Science: Breadth Electives
- Bulletin Categories: SRPP. Institutions Public Policy
- Crosslisted with: Environment
- Crosslisted with: Environmental Studies
- Crosslisted with: Political Science Major: Social Science Required
- Crosslisted with: Political Science
- Crosslisted with: SRPP. Major Soc Sci Required
- Crosslisted with: Social Research Public Policy

SRPP-UH 2612X State Formation: The Case of the United Arab Emirates (4 Credits)*Typically offered Fall*

Why did the West grow modern first and what happened to the rest after 1500? How the improbable combination of wars and taxation, revolution and nationalism, industrial weapons and colonialism shaped the modern states in Europe? What did the Middle Eastern rulers do in order to develop and secure their independence? How did the UAE achieve its singular success at present? What could sustain it into the future? This course seeks answers to big questions in a comparative perspective informed by macrohistorical theories. Ultimately, we look for the rightful place of the seven Emirates on this world scale.

Grading: Ugrd Abu Dhabi Graded**Repeatable for additional credit:** No

- Bulletin Categories: Arab Crossroads Studies: Society Politics
- Bulletin Categories: Heritage Studies: Heritage Theory Electives
- Bulletin Categories: Peace Studies Minor: Electives
- Bulletin Categories: Political Science: Comparative Politics
- Bulletin Categories: SRPP. Institutions Public Policy
- Bulletin Categories: SRPP. Social Structure Global Processes
- Bulletin Categories: SRPP. Society Culture
- Crosslisted with: Arab Crossroads Studies Major: Required
- Crosslisted with: Arab Crossroads Studies
- Crosslisted with: Heritage Studies
- Crosslisted with: Peace Studies Minor: Required
- Crosslisted with: Peace Studies
- Crosslisted with: Political Science Major: Social Science Required
- Crosslisted with: Political Science
- Crosslisted with: SRPP. Major Soc Sci Required
- Crosslisted with: Social Research Public Policy

SRPP-UH 2614X Women and Work in the Gulf (4 Credits)*Typically offered Spring*

This course critically examines how women feature in contemporary debates about employment, development, and nationalism in the context of the Gulf Cooperative Council countries. The course provides a philosophical foundation for debates about women, work, and difference based on feminist theories. Students will explore postcolonial perspectives on feminism and difference, feminist Marxist critiques of capitalism, and feminist Islamist critiques of modernity. The course provides an overview of how women in the Gulf feature in contemporary discourses as participants in "globally competitive" economies, mothers of "future generations of citizens", and symbols of "tradition and culture". The third part of the course addresses public policy and legal frameworks shaping women's work, exploring how different categories of "women" are produced through public policy programs such as workforce nationalization, education policy, social policy, and the interplay of national and international laws governing domestic work, human trafficking, and domestic abuse. The course will host a number of academics, activists, and policymakers.

Grading: Ugrd Abu Dhabi Graded**Repeatable for additional credit:** No

- Bulletin Categories: Arab Crossroads Studies: Society Politics
- Bulletin Categories: Gender St: Social, Political Cultural Structures
- Bulletin Categories: Political Science: Breadth Electives
- Bulletin Categories: SRPP. Institutions Public Policy
- Bulletin Categories: SRPP. Social Structure Global Processes
- Crosslisted with: Arab Crossroads Studies Major: Required
- Crosslisted with: Arab Crossroads Studies
- Crosslisted with: Gender Studies
- Crosslisted with: Political Science Major: Social Science Required
- Crosslisted with: Political Science
- Crosslisted with: SRPP. Major Soc Sci Required
- Crosslisted with: Social Research Public Policy

SRPP-UH 2616 Immigration, Ethnicity and Public Policy (4 Credits)*Typically offered occasionally*

This course exposes students to recent theories of immigration and their bearing on governmental policies toward immigrant admission and settlement. A central focus of the course is the social processes by which immigration gives rise to ethnic minorities in successive generations. Topics covered in this course include: a) immigrant entrepreneurship and its bearing on successful economic adaptation; b) immigrant transnational organizations and their impact on the development of sending countries and regions; c) the adaptation process of the second generation; d) public ideologies of immigration and their impact on governmental policy.

Grading: Ugrd Abu Dhabi Graded**Repeatable for additional credit:** No

- Bulletin Categories: SRPP. Institutions Public Policy
- Bulletin Categories: SRPP. Social Structure Global Processes

SRPP-UH 2618 Welfare States in Comparative Perspective (4 Credits)*Typically offered Spring*

How do different countries respond to the challenges of poverty and economic inequality? How do they protect workers against the risks of unemployment, accident, illness, disability and old age? This course examines social policy in both advanced post-industrial democracies and the "Global South". The course will consider various ways in which "welfare regimes" have been characterized and classified, particularly with regard to how welfare provision is divided up among state, market and family. The course will explore how social policies originate and change, paying attention to the role of organized interests, state institutions, and partisan politics in these processes. Lastly, the course will examine how contemporary challenges - including globalization, population aging, post-industrialism and women's workforce participation - have pressured and transformed welfare states. In all of these areas, students will pay particular attention to gender: how social policies have been shaped by, reinforced, and redressed gender inequalities.

Grading: Ugrd Abu Dhabi Graded**Repeatable for additional credit:** No

- Bulletin Categories: Core: Structures of Thought Society
- Bulletin Categories: SRPP. Institutions Public Policy
- Bulletin Categories: SRPP. Social Structure Global Processes
- Crosslisted with: Core: Structures of Thought Society

SRPP-UH 2619 Leadership and Diplomacy (4 Credits)*Typically offered Fall of even numbered years*

What role can diplomacy play in solving contemporary problems such as violent conflicts, territorial disputes, and climate change? The course will explore this question by examining the theoretical and practical dimensions of modern diplomacy, focusing on the importance of diplomatic leadership. The course will cover the changing nature of diplomacy over the past century, while concentrating on contemporary diplomatic themes and challenges including: the changing nature of diplomacy in the 21st century; the impact of domestic politics on state diplomacy; the strengths and limits of international organizations; the emergence of influential non-state international actors; changing diplomatic practices such as the widespread use of summits, conferences, and public diplomacy; and, finally, the need for diplomatic leadership to help mediate relations between an ever-growing number of groups and states in a more complex world.

Grading: Ugrd Abu Dhabi Graded**Repeatable for additional credit:** No

- Bulletin Categories: Political Science: Breadth Electives
- Bulletin Categories: SRPP. Institutions Public Policy
- Crosslisted with: Political Science Major: Social Science Required
- Crosslisted with: Political Science
- Crosslisted with: SRPP. Major Soc Sci Required
- Crosslisted with: Social Research Public Policy

SRPP-UH 2620 Education and Society (4 Credits)*Typically offered Fall*

Designing for social impact is complex work. It requires consideration of many stakeholders and factors that could affect outcomes, a deep understanding of people, an ability to see the bigger picture, and conviction despite incomplete information. It also demands the ability to discover, assess, and choose interventions with the potential for impact. In this course, students will learn the process of human-centered, systems design and gain familiarity with integrative tools to tackle complex organizational or societal challenges toward positive impact. Students will reflect on what is a "challenge" and what it means to have "impact" and internalize theory, methods, and processes for human-centered, systems thinking and design. To apply theory to practice, students will be put into teams to undergo a design process to identify a problem and design an initiative, policy intervention, program, product, or enterprise for impact at the local organizational or community level. This course would be of interest to students who aspire to be innovative leaders in social entrepreneurship, nonprofit, philanthropy, government, and social impact fields.

Grading: Ugrd Abu Dhabi Graded**Repeatable for additional credit:** No

- Bulletin Categories: Core: Structures of Thought Society
- Bulletin Categories: SRPP. Institutions Public Policy
- Bulletin Categories: SRPP. Social Structure Global Processes
- Crosslisted with: Core: Structures of Thought Society
- Crosslisted with: SRPP. Major Soc Sci Required
- Crosslisted with: Social Research Public Policy

SRPP-UH 2627 Organizations and Society (4 Credits)*Typically offered Fall*

We live in a society of organizations. We are born inside organizations (hospitals), we are educated inside organizations (schools, universities), we work inside organizations (companies, non-profits, government), and when we die, we may be buried by organizations (funeral service firms, religious organizations). Hence, we cannot really understand what drives economic, technological, social, and political change without reference to organizations. In this course, students will endeavor to understand the organizations that comprise society by looking at how they are shaped by their environment and propose solutions to organizational problems arising from external challenges and internal dynamics. This course has two primary units. First, students will learn the organizational decision-making process and organizational structures to understand the concept of organization as an independent entity. Then, students will explore the major organizational theories that guide contemporary understandings of the relationships between organizations and their environments, such as institutional norms, social capital (or networks), and organizational learning and cognition.

Grading: Ugrd Abu Dhabi Graded**Repeatable for additional credit:** No

- Bulletin Categories: BOS: General Business Electives
- Bulletin Categories: SRPP. Institutions Public Policy
- Bulletin Categories: SRPP. Society Culture
- Crosslisted with: Business, Organizations, and Society
- Crosslisted with: SRPP. Major Soc Sci Required
- Crosslisted with: Social Research Public Policy

SRPP-UH 2629 Education Policy Analysis and Design (4 Credits)*Typically offered Spring*

The primary objective of this course is to give students an introduction to key issues in educational policy making, educational planning and implementation, the role of monitoring and evaluation, and policy processes and practices from global, comparative perspectives. At the end of the course, students will be able to think critically about the linkages between research, policymaking, and practice in improving the quality of education in various country contexts, especially those in the Global South. This course introduces students to the case study approach to educational policy analysis, to the sector study assessment of educational systems and the role of organizations (e.g., international organizations, aid agencies, nonprofits), and to evaluation in the field of international development and education. Also, students will have opportunity to either gain hands-on experience with education development project design and planning by writing a policy analysis paper or developing an education project proposal.

Grading: Ugrd Abu Dhabi Graded**Repeatable for additional credit:** No

- Bulletin Categories: SRPP. Institutions Public Policy
- Bulletin Categories: SRPP. Social Structure Global Processes
- Bulletin Categories: SRPP. Society Culture
- Crosslisted with: SRPP. Major Soc Sci Required
- Crosslisted with: Social Research Public Policy

SRPP-UH 2630 Social Impact Design for Policy and Business (4 Credits)*Typically offered Spring*

Designing for social impact is complex work. It requires consideration of many stakeholders and factors that could affect outcomes, a deep understanding of people, an ability to see the bigger picture, and conviction despite incomplete information. It also demands the ability to discover, assess, and choose interventions with the potential for impact. In this course, students will learn the process of human-centered, systems design and gain familiarity with integrative tools to tackle complex organizational or societal challenges toward positive impact. Students will reflect on what is a "challenge" and what it means to have "impact" and internalize theory, methods, and processes for human-centered, systems thinking and design. To apply theory to practice, students will be put into teams to undergo a design process to identify a problem and design an initiative, policy intervention, program, product, or enterprise for impact at the local organizational or community level. This course would be of interest to students who aspire to be innovative leaders in social entrepreneurship, nonprofit, philanthropy, government, and social impact fields.

Grading: Ugrd Abu Dhabi Graded**Repeatable for additional credit:** No**Prerequisites:** Sophomore standing or higher.

- Bulletin Categories: BOS: General Business Electives
- Bulletin Categories: SRPP. Institutions Public Policy
- Bulletin Categories: SRPP. Social Structure Global Processes
- Crosslisted with: Business, Organizations, and Society
- Crosslisted with: SRPP. Major Soc Sci Required
- Crosslisted with: Social Research Public Policy

SRPP-UH 2801X Community- Engaged Scholarship: Addressing Social Hierarchies in the UAE (4 Credits)

Typically offered Spring

An exciting question that appears when conducting social science research is how it can be applied beyond academia. In this course, students will engage with research on social hierarchies (race, class, gender, citizenship) in the UAE while exploring what it can look like to benefit the communities this research is about. There have been international efforts by academics to address social hierarchies in various ways, ranging from university public outreach or service-based learning. But the UAE has its own limitations, restrictions and opportunities. What can community-engaged scholarship look like in this context? The class will explore the research that navigates social hierarchies in the UAE. What assumptions does this research challenge (or promote)? How does it allow us to see the complexity of different communities in an often-misrepresented region? More importantly: Can this research be used to benefit the communities it is about? Students will look at examples of applied research conducted in the UAE, whether being applied in communities or informing public policy.

Grading: Ugrd Abu Dhabi Graded

Repeatable for additional credit: No

- Bulletin Categories: Arab Crossroads Studies: Society Politics
- Bulletin Categories: SRPP. Institutions Public Policy
- Bulletin Categories: SRPP. Society Culture
- Crosslisted with: Arab Crossroads Studies Major: Required
- Crosslisted with: Arab Crossroads Studies
- Crosslisted with: SRPP. Major Soc Sci Required
- Crosslisted with: Social Research Public Policy

SRPP-UH 3210 Practicum in Social Research (4 Credits)

Typically offered Spring term of even numbered years

Original research projects are intellectual fun, but they are also a demanding craft. This course prepares you for the challenge of conducting original research. Through a detailed, creative comparison of two seemingly disparate research approaches common in the social sciences—ethnography and digital social science—we will discuss how to find an interesting question, design a way to answer it, and communicate your work. Our comparison will also explore what ethnographic and digital data and analyses can learn from each other, as well as from other common approaches, such as experiments. In addition, we will plan, write, and fine-tune a project proposal by debating and critiquing each other's ideas during presentations, one-on-one meetings, and class-wide workshops. As a whole, the course provides a strong foundation for senior Capstones, as well as future research projects.

Grading: Ugrd Abu Dhabi Graded

Repeatable for additional credit: No

Prerequisites: SOCSC-UH 1010Q.

- Bulletin Categories: SRPP. Methods Electives

SRPP-UH 3214 Social Networks (4 Credits)

Typically offered Spring and January terms

Social networks are the subject of some of the most exciting recent advances in the natural and social sciences. This course provides an introduction to the major discoveries in the field of social networks, particularly advances during the last decade. It also provides students with an introduction to the methods and software used to analyze and visualize social networks. Topics include the small-world puzzle (six degrees of separation), the strength of weak ties, centrality, complexity, thresholds ('tipping points'), and the spread of diseases and fads. Case studies used in the course include topics such as the contagion of suicides, social influence on musical taste, sexual relationships among adolescents, inter-organizational networks, and the network structure of the internet. Course readings are an engaging blend of popular social science texts, journal articles, and scientific papers.

Grading: Ugrd Abu Dhabi Graded

Repeatable for additional credit: No

Prerequisites: SOCSC-UH 1210Q.

- Bulletin Categories: Economics: Data Science Economics Track
- Bulletin Categories: Political Science: Methods
- Bulletin Categories: SRPP. Methods Electives
- Crosslisted with: Economics Major: Required
- Crosslisted with: Economics
- Crosslisted with: Political Science Major: Social Science Required
- Crosslisted with: Political Science
- Crosslisted with: SRPP. Major Soc Sci Required
- Crosslisted with: Social Research Public Policy

SRPP-UH 3215 Quantitative Data Analysis (4 Credits)

Typically offered Fall

This course covers how to analyze data and test theory from a practical perspective. The course begins with techniques for describing data and then moves to the basics of linear regression, a technique that allows researchers to ask how two variables are related to one another while controlling for other variables. The course explores how regression works as well as things that can go wrong with regression, examining diagnostics, errors and collinearity. The course also examines regression models for some special cases, such as yes/no dependent variables and special cases of data that are clustered, such as students located within the same schools. The course focuses on the interpretation of results, with particular emphasis on visualization to aid understanding of complex statistical models and nonlinear relationships.

Grading: Ugrd Abu Dhabi Graded

Repeatable for additional credit: No

Prerequisites: SOCSC-UH 1010Q.

- Bulletin Categories: BOS: Methods and Analytics Electives
- Bulletin Categories: SRPP. Methods Electives
- Crosslisted with: Business, Organizations, and Society
- Crosslisted with: SRPP. Major Soc Sci Required
- Crosslisted with: Social Research Public Policy

SRPP-UH 3412 Issues in African Societies (4 Credits)*Typically offered Fall*

In the broadest terms, the course's objective is to introduce students to some of the contemporary issues in Africa. These issues will be studied using a historical and sociological perspective. Following an introductory overview, part one of the course examines the scramble for Africa, colonialism and the legacies of colonialism, and the fights for independence. Part two of the course looks at growth, development, and corruption in Africa. The impact of foreign aid on development will be examined. In part three, the class shall explore cultural transformations coming out of Africa. The class will discuss the links between migration and development and African migration and incorporation in diasporas in the Global North. A major theme will be placing African societies in a global context, and throughout the course, the professor will use the continent to illustrate the costs and benefits of globalization for countries in the Global South.

Grading: Ugrd Abu Dhabi Graded**Repeatable for additional credit:** No

- Bulletin Categories: African Studies Minor: Social Science Electives
- Bulletin Categories: SRPP: Social Structure Global Processes
- Crosslisted with: African Studies
- Crosslisted with: SRPP: Major Soc Sci Required
- Crosslisted with: Social Research Public Policy

SRPP-UH 3610 Methods of Public Policy Analysis (4 Credits)*Typically offered Fall*

This is an intermediate public policy class. Students will have the opportunity to build on skills introduced at the intro level: memo writing; drafting public policy press releases; preparation for long and short oral presentations; drafting talking points on policy issues, how to best frame policy challenges to explain proposed solutions and defend policy decisions. Students will also be asked to put together full dossiers on specific public policy issues to allow for policy makers to knowledgeably make effective decisions. The course will introduce students to wider theoretical frames and debates as well as crisis management. It will cover a wide range of global policy challenges revolving around issues such as strategic resources, energy, immigration, the climate crisis, health and security using current case studies. Students will explore the politics of policy-making and learn how to maneuver in a competitive policy environment as well as learning how to publicize policies through the maze of media outlets. Select speakers will share challenges and opportunities that they have encountered in the field based on the case studies that will be explored during the course.

Grading: Ugrd Abu Dhabi Graded**Repeatable for additional credit:** No

- Bulletin Categories: SRPP Conc: Policy Analysis Required
- Bulletin Categories: SRPP: Institutions Public Policy
- Crosslisted with: SRPP: Major Soc Sci Required
- Crosslisted with: Social Research Public Policy

SRPP-UH 3810 Topics in Contemporary Theory (4 Credits)*Typically offered Fall*

An overview of developments in social theory since the 1950s. Theories considered include structural functionalism, hermeneutical approaches, interactionist and phenomenological perspectives, rational choice, network theory, the new institutionalism, and theories of globalization.

Grading: Ugrd Abu Dhabi Graded**Repeatable for additional credit:** No

- Bulletin Categories: SRPP: Society Culture

SRPP-UH 4000 Capstone Seminar (4 Credits)*Typically offered Fall*

During this yearlong course, students develop a research question and design and analyze quantitative or qualitative data sets relevant to social research and/or public policy.

Grading: Ugrd Abu Dhabi Graded**Repeatable for additional credit:** No**Prerequisites:** Declared SRPP major and senior standing.

- Bulletin Categories: Social Research Public Policy: Capstone
- Crosslisted with: SRPP: Major Soc Sci Required
- Crosslisted with: Social Research Public Policy

SRPP-UH 4001 Capstone Project (4 Credits)*Typically offered Spring*

During this yearlong course, students develop a research question and design and analyze quantitative or qualitative data sets relevant to public policy.

Grading: Ugrd Abu Dhabi Graded**Repeatable for additional credit:** No**Prerequisites:** SRPP-UH 4000.

- Bulletin Categories: Social Research Public Policy: Capstone
- Crosslisted with: SRPP: Major Soc Sci Required
- Crosslisted with: Social Research Public Policy