A. Course Description

Credits: 4

Lab Hours/ Weeks: Corequisites: None

Lecture Hours/ Week:

MnTC Goals: None

MAPL 610 is the first required core course in the Master of Advocacy and Political Leadership (MAPL) Program. Its aim is to help student advocates understand the history of policy development in the United States and particularly in the states of Minnesota and Wisconsin. The course examines the classic study of policy development and implementation on a national basis, then looks closely at the more ideological take on policy formulation and implementation used in the 2000s. More locally, students examine the political cultures of Minnesota and Wisconsin and hear from leaders from those states involved in policy development and implementation. Each student prepares and presents a policy change project, some action they think desirable and in the public interest.

B. Course Effective Dates: 08/23/2014 - Present

C. Outline of Major Content Areas:

See Course Description for major content areas.

D. Learning Outcomes (General)

1. The basic structure of political decision making, tracing policy from theory through elections to implementation.
2. Political culture and how state political cultures impact policy development.
3. The basic theoretical frameworks for liberals and conservatives in American politics.
4. A brief history of the classic study of policy analysis in the U.S.
5. Some discrete examples of policy change and development at the local, state and national level.

E. Learning Outcomes (MN Transfer Curriculum)

This contains no goal areas.

G. Special Information

None