



FYSM 1700

Connecting Academics to Careers in Public Affairs



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Course Description

This course provides students with an introduction to public affairs work and working life, and an opportunity to maximise their learning from their university courses and programs of study to begin to forge connections with a career in public affairs.

Course Information

Open to all FPA students (*BGInS, Communication and Media Studies, Criminology and Criminal Justice, Economics, EURUS, Journalism, Law and Legal Studies, Media Production and Design, Political Science, Public Affairs and Policy Management, and Social Work*).

Term

Fall 2021 (Sec. A) and Winter 2022 (Sec. B)

Pre-requisite

1st year standing.

Course Learning Outcomes

- Students will identify, list, and demonstrate through collation of evidence a range of skills to manage their learning and career planning in public affairs;
- Students will know how to access and make use of sources of information and advice, plans and decisions, and know how to follow them through;
- Students will gain useful insights into public affairs related work and working life;
- Students will explore what inspires them, how they can be successful, various opportunities that are available in university to support public affairs related career paths, and how this underpins their learning and development at Carleton and in their broader communities;
- Students will develop a personal cu-Portfolio articulating all of the above.

Course Format and Expectations

- This course will employ a mixture of both instructor-led and student-led content, involving individual and small group workshop style tasks and activities;
- Students will undertake independent and collaborative investigations of job skill needs and requirements, hiring practices, and overviews of roles and responsibilities of sector specific jobs;
- Students will engage in active-learning strategies such as think-pair-share, presentations, demonstrations, role playing, etc., where they will practice applying their employability skills, e.g., problem solving, use of logic, etc.

