



IPAF 3800

Developing and Managing Your Career



Course Description

The IPAF 3800 *Developing and Managing Your Career* course introduces students to work-related issues and analytical tools connected to their study discipline within the Faculty of Public Affairs, enabling students to develop a range of transferable skills for work and life.

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

3rd or 4th year standing.

Course Learning Outcomes

- Students will identify, list, and demonstrate through collation of evidence a range of their employability skills;
- Students will access a variety of labour market and related information to determine possible career choices;
- Students will develop a plan for career action based on their current skills, experience, knowledge;
- Students will evaluate how career development theory contributes to their understanding of career;
- Students will develop a personal e-portfolio articulating the above and reflect on their next steps after graduation.

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 on 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.





Read what our students have to say

"IPAF 3800 was extremely enjoyable and interactive. The assignments were hands-on and helped me gain transferable skills for my career goals. Most importantly, Professor Godden was supportive, accommodating and non-judgemental."

— Madison Abraham,
Bachelor of Social Work

"I really enjoyed this course. It helped me learn so much about the job process and gave me tools that will help me achieve my career goals for years to come! This course helped me find a government job after graduating this year! Thank you so much for this amazing course it really did help me!"

— Ashley Salinas, BA (Hons)
Criminology & Criminal Justice/Law

"I particularly enjoyed the IPAF 3800 class for the interactions and activities we would participate in on a regular basis. It helped me understand some of my strengths and weaknesses in creative ways while also helping me improve on my weaknesses. I just got a job at the Ottawa Courthouse and I am looking forward to beginning a new chapter in my life."

— Megan MacMillan, BA (Hons)
Law

"IPAF 3800 can guide students to find their career pathway. Compared to other academic courses, I would say it is the most useful course in my university life."

— Tianjia Chang,
Bachelor of Communication & Media Studies



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