

<b>Title:</b>	Public policies
<b>Lecture hours:</b>	30
<b>Study period: (summer/winter)</b>	Summer/winter
<b>Number of credits:</b>	5 ECTS
<b>Assessment methods:</b>	Activity, presence, discussion, work with sources and data.
<b>Language of instruction:</b>	English
<b>Prerequisites:</b>	None.
<b>Course content:</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Introduction, the meaning of public policy - definitions. History of the field.</li> <li>2. Public policy theory.</li> <li>3. Public policies in US and in Europe and in New Zealand – similarity and differences.</li> <li>4. Levels of public policy – global, national, regional, local.</li> <li>5. Decision making process in democracies.</li> <li>6. Civil society and public opinion towards public policies.</li> <li>7. Public policy and public sphere. Getting agreement.</li> <li>8. Ethics and public policy.</li> <li>9. Public policy evaluation.</li> <li>10. Public policy implementation.</li> <li>11. Instruments for analysing public policy. Government tools to consult public policy in information age.</li> <li>12. Public policies – case studies: pensions, health policy, education policy, environmental policy, cultural policy, tax policy, industrial policy, transportation policy, foreign policy, .</li> <li>13. Public policy and public relations.</li> </ol>
<b>Learning outcomes:</b>	Acquaint students with public policies in US and Europe and in New Zealand. It will rise students' interest in public politics and give them better understanding of political process in times of globalization. Namely about such phenomenon as: managing decision making processes. Students will be able to interpret public policies in the context of democracies and globalization processess. Students will understand the current conditions of national states and local/regional democracies.
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<b>Literature:</b>	<p><i>Handbook of Public Policy</i>, ed. G. Peters, J. Pierre, 2006. <i>The Oxford Handbook of Public Policy</i>, ed. M. Moran, M. Rein, R. E. Goodin, Oxford 2006. Video and audio materials, plus newspapers articles and scientific papers dedicated to discussed topics.</p>