

Overview

The study of public policy is a truly interdisciplinary enterprise. It provides a prism through which to examine many of the problems and concerns of modern society. This unique programme will develop the student's understanding of the emergence and development of public policies, and deepen that understanding through the study of substantive policy issues in their international context. Applying concepts critically equips students with the skills necessary to analyse common policy problems and to appreciate how they are addressed in different societies.

The programme is designed around core taught courses, specialist option courses and a research dissertation.

The wide range of option courses enables the student to specialize and develop in-depth knowledge of such fields as health policy, rights and security in a changing world, urban and environmental policy, the policy problems of an ageing population or education policy.

In the research dissertation the student has a chance to demonstrate the ability to employ relevant concepts, address substantive policy issues and marshal evidence on a topic of their own choosing.

Distinctive features

- a truly interdisciplinary opportunity
- wider range of options than any competitor programme
- specialist pathways constructed through option choices
- links with the worlds of politics and policy
- external speakers programme

How the programme is delivered

The teaching team is drawn from a wide range of departments at King's and will provide:

- framework-setting lectures
- problem-oriented seminars and workshop
- case study analysis
- extensive directed reading
- tutor advice and guidance
- individual research project
- who this programme is for

The programme is particularly suitable for:

- those working in the public or civil services in the UK or abroad
- recent graduates aspiring to go on to policy work
- those planning to study for a research degree in a policy-related area

Entrants will normally have a relevant UK honours degree of 2:1 standard or overseas equivalent, but applicants may also be considered if they have at least three years relevant experience in government or NGO service.

The programme in detail

Core units are provided on the policy process and comparative public policy. Each runs over two semesters and provides the analytic framework and perspective for exploring issues raised by the option courses. Option courses will include:

Health policy

Key Issues in Health Policy
Health Policy and NHS Reform*
Evidence-Based Decision Making in Health Care
Values, Ethics and the Public Health

Urban and environmental policy

Urban Regeneration
Sustainable Urbanisation
Environmental Policy and Politics

Rights and security in a changing world

Science, Technology and Security Policy
Human Rights and Migration
Human Rights in a World of States*

Policies for an ageing society

Ageing and Social Policy
Population Studies in Gerontology
Ageing in Society

Education policy

Education and Training Policies and Programmes
Education, Policy and the City
The Social Context of Schooling

Future options under consideration

Policy Evaluation
Evidence-based Policy
Foreign Policy Analysis

King's cannot guarantee that a particular option course will be available in any one year.

For further information, or to discuss your application, please contact

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