

## ▶▶ JSGS 990 & 990AB – Seminar Series

### CONTENT AND APPROACH

The purpose of the 990 Seminar Series is to bring students, faculty, and others together to hear from a variety of individuals on current and interesting policy topics and to foster a community of scholars. The 990 seminars are an opportunity for students to make connections between the material covered in their courses and the policy issues and discussions that are occurring across Canada and around the world.

JSGS 990 (U of S campus) and JSGS 990AB (U of R campus) are zero (0) credit and have no tuition associated with them. However, they are an integral part of all the graduate programs (MPA, MPP, and PhD) and are required by the College/Faculty of Graduate Studies and Research.

The JSGS is very fortunate to have the Outreach and Training unit and Canada Research Chairs who can organize a wide array of public lectures, conferences, and symposia that help the school engage the public in discourse on important matters. We want our students to be part of that engagement so they have a richer experience while at the JSGS.

The 990 Seminar Series will feature a combination of public lectures and conferences hosted by the school, as well as special events and skill-building sessions specifically for our students.

We will list the 990 events as early as possible so you can plan ahead. However, we often need to work around the availability of special guests who are giving some of the lectures, so events will occur at a variety of times on different days. The JSGS will post a list of the events that have been approved as 990s. The seminar list and schedule is posted at the “Current Students” link on the JSGS web site – [www.schoolofpublicpolicy.sk.ca/resources/current\\_students](http://www.schoolofpublicpolicy.sk.ca/resources/current_students).

All students must attend 25 events during their time in the program to obtain credit for JSGS 990/JSGS 990AB. Some of the events will count for more than one, so that will help you when it comes to reaching the total of 25 events. Up to 20 percent (i.e., five) of the 25 seminars can be non-JSGS events. Note that you do not need to seek our permission about which of the outside events “count” as 990s. You should use your discretion. However, when you report on these non-JSGS events, you must be able to demonstrate their relevance to public policy.

### REQUIREMENTS

Beginning in fall 2011, U of R students registered in the MPA, MPP, and PhD programs are required to be registered in JSGS 990AB throughout the duration of their studies. Remember to register for JSGS 990AB each and every term that you are registered in a course(s).

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When you are preparing to apply for convocation, you must submit the *990 Student Report* to the Graduate Chair at your campus. When the Graduate Chair indicates that you have met the requirements, you will receive a final grade of “CR” (Credit).

**You must attend a minimum of 25 events, designated as “990” events, during your time in the program.** If you plan to complete the program in one year, you must attend 25 seminars/qualifying events during that period in order to meet the requirements of the

program. If you plan to complete the program over more than one year, you should attend events as often as possible so that by the time you are ready to apply for convocation, you have met this requirement.

Even though you need only 25 seminars/events to meet the 990 requirements, you are encouraged to attend as many events as possible.

To receive credit, please submit the following information on the *990 Student Report*:

- A list of the seminars/events attended, including date, topic, and presenter.
- A brief summary (approximately 150 words) on each of the seminars that describes what you learned. You may also want to link this new knowledge to an idea or approach discussed in another seminar or a course that was taken or to a current event.

### **Other Information**

Documents are posted on URCourses in the JSGS 990AB course section. Check the JSGS website regularly for an updated list of events/seminars.

Questions about the 990 Seminar Series can be directed to [jsgs@uregina.ca](mailto:jsgs@uregina.ca) (U of R campus) or [jsgs@usask.ca](mailto:jsgs@usask.ca) (U of S campus).