

JSGS 990 – Seminar Series (USask)

CALENDAR DESCRIPTION

A required non-credit seminar for graduate students in the MPA, MPP, and PhD programs. The course features a range of seminars and events on current research and policy issues presented by students, researchers, policy practitioners, and faculty.

COURSE CONTENT AND APPROACH

The purpose of the JSGS 990 Seminar Series is to bring students, faculty and others together to hear from a variety of individuals on current and interesting policy topics, to enrich the graduate experience, and to foster a community of scholars. The JSGS 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.

The JSGS 990 Seminar Series features a combination of public lectures and conferences hosted by the school, as well as special events and skill-building sessions specifically for students. Key JSGS 990 events include orientation, the Tansley Lecture, the Houston Lecture, and the National Case Competition.

All JSGS approved 990s will be posted on the school's website, under the "Students" section and on the "Useful Links and Documents" page.

COURSE REQUIREMENTS – MPP & PhD Students

JSGS 990 is a zero credit course and has no tuition associated with it. All students in the MPP and PhD programs are required to register in JSGS 990 in the Fall and Winter terms. **They must also attend at least 25 seminars during their time in program and present their research in one session prior to completing their program.**

Up to 20 percent (i.e., five) of the 25 seminars can be non-JSGS events. These five credits will typically come from events being hosted by other academic units such as the political science department, the economics department, and so forth. Note that students do not need to seek the school's permission about which of the outside events "count" as JSGS 990s. They should use their discretion. When reporting on non-JSGS events, students will need to demonstrate relevance to public policy.

To receive credit, all MPP and PhD students are required to include the following information in their *JSGS 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.

When preparing to apply for convocation, MPP and PhD students are required to submit their JSGS 990 Student Report to the JSGS graduate chair on the USask campus. Once reviewed and approved, the graduate chair will mark the student's final grade as a "CR" (credit).

COURSE REQUIREMENTS – MPA Students

JSGS 990 is a zero credit course and has no tuition associated with it. All students in the MPA program are required to register in JSGS 990 once in their first term of study.

To receive credit, MPA students are required to:

- Attend orientation
- Attend three 990 events in their first term of study
- Fill out the *MPA JSGS 990 Record Sheet* and submit to the Manager, Graduate Programs by the end of their first term.

MPA students who began prior to January 2020 are required to complete their JSGS 990 requirements set out when they began their program.

STUDENTS WITH SPECIAL NEEDS

University of Regina (U of R): Students in this course who, because of a disability, may have a need for accommodations are encouraged to discuss this need with the instructor and to contact the Centre for Student Accessibility (<https://www.uregina.ca/student/accessibility/>).

University of Saskatchewan (USask): Students in this course who, because of a disability, may have a need for accommodations are encouraged to discuss this need with the instructor and to contact Access and Equity Services (AES) at 966-7273 or aes@usask.ca (<https://students.usask.ca/health/centres/access-equity-services.php>).

STUDENTS EXPERIENCING STRESS

University of Regina (U of R): Students in this course who are experiencing stress can seek assistance from the University of Regina Counselling Services. For more information, visit this website: <http://www.uregina.ca/student/counselling/contact.html>, or call (306) 585-4491 between 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday to Friday.

University of Saskatchewan (USask): Students in this course who are experiencing stress can seek assistance from the University of Saskatchewan Student Wellness Centre. For more information, please visit this website: <https://students.usask.ca/health/centres/counselling-services.php>, or call (306) 966-4920 between 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday to Friday.

ACADEMIC INTEGRITY AND CONDUCT

University of Regina (U of R): Ensuring that you understand and follow the principles of academic integrity and conduct as laid out by the University of Regina (available at <https://www.uregina.ca/president/executive-team/ed-governance-univ-secretary/student-appeals/student-behaviour.html>) is vital to your success in graduate school. Ensuring that your work is your own and reflects both your own ideas and those of others incorporated in your work is important: ensuring that you acknowledge the ideas, words, and phrases of others that you use is a vital part of the scholarly endeavour. If you have any questions at all about academic integrity in general or about specific issues, contact your course instructor to discuss your questions.

University of Saskatchewan (USask): Understanding and following the principles of academic integrity and conduct as laid out in the University of Saskatchewan's Guidelines for Academic Conduct is vital to your success in graduate school (available at <http://www.usask.ca/secretariat/student-conduct-appeals/academic-misconduct.php>). Ensuring that your work is your own and reflects both your own ideas and those of others incorporated in your work is important: ensuring that you acknowledge the ideas, words, and phrases of others that you use is a vital part of the scholarly endeavour. If you have any questions at all about academic integrity in general or about specific issues, contact any faculty member and we can discuss your questions.

STUDENT SUPPORTS

There are additional personal and academic support services and programs available for students and the university community. For more information and a comprehensive guide, please go to: <https://students.usask.ca/>.