

JSGS 990AB: Seminar Series (Regina)

CONTENT AND DESCRIPTION

The purpose of the JSGS 990AB 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 990AB 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 is very fortunate to have an Outreach and Training unit and a number of 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.

The JSGS990AB 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 990AB events include Get Connected, The Tansley Lecture, and the National Case Competition. *NOTE: Some events, like the Tansley Lecture and Poster Competition, may count for more than one 990 credit.*

The school will list the JSGS 990AB events as early as possible so students can plan ahead. That being said, some events may be organized on short notice or may occur at varying times in the day in order to accommodate the schedules of the guest speakers. All JSGS approved-990s will be posted on the school's website, under the "Current Students" section and on the "Study Resources" pages.

JSGS 990AB is a zero (0) credit course and has no tuition associated with it. MPP and PhD students are required by the Faculty of Graduate Studies and Research to register in JSGS 990AB throughout the duration of their studies.

COURSE REQUIREMENTS

NOTE: The MPA program has undergone changes that will take effect September 2015. The school has expanded the program to 36 credit units, including the introduction of more required courses and fewer electives. These changes to the MPA program follow an extensive consultation involving students, alumni, faculty and employers. As a result of these changes, all MPA students enrolled as of September 1, 2015 are no longer required to fulfill the course requirements of JSGS 990AB. That being said, they are more than welcome to attend seminars that they find of interest.

MPA students who applied prior to February 1, 2015 (September 2015 start date) and who choose to enroll in the old MPA program will be required to complete the same JSGS 990AB course requirements as the MPP and PhD students. The only exception is that they are not required to deliver a seminar presentation prior to completing their program.

All MPP and PhD students must attend a minimum of 25 events, designated as “990”, during the course of their program. They must also present during one session, prior to defending their thesis. Even though MPP and PhD students need only 25 seminars/events to meet the JSGS990AB requirements, they are encouraged to attend as many events as possible.

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 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 990AB 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 990AB Student Report* to the JSGS graduate chair on the U of S campus. Once reviewed and approved, the graduate chair will mark the student’s final grade as a “CR” (credit).

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Who do I contact if I have a question about the JSGS 990AB Seminar Series?

Please contact the program advisor at the JSGS U of R campus, should you have any questions. jsgs@uregina.ca or 306-585-5462

What events DO NOT count as JSGS 990AB credits?

- Professional development training obtained through the workplace
- Viewing of a 990 event online after the fact
- Paper presentations at a conference