

Policy Analysis Fundamentals

A course to teach students basic principles of policy research, writing, and analysis. Students will learn about different types of policy writing, the basics of developing a policy analysis, the structure of a policy analysis write-up, and necessary steps to write a policy analysis from start to finish. Course activities include policy research and peer to peer discussions. Resulting products could be writing pieces, infographics, a slide deck, or others.

- Modules:
 - Types of Policy Writing
 - Basics of a Policy Analysis
 - Breakdown of Policy Analysis
 - Steps to Policy Analysis Writing
 - Determining a topic to address
 - Developing a policy question
 - Developing policy options
 - Analyzing policy options
 - Dissemination of policy analysis results
- Course level:
 - PhD students and postdocs in life sciences and humanities disciplines
 - Emphasis on under-represented minorities (e.g. target MSIs)
- Activities:
 - Research policy topic
 - Engage in peer to peer discussions
- Options for resulting products:
 - Writing (op-ed, memo)
 - Infographic
 - Slide deck