



NYU

**ROBERT F. WAGNER GRADUATE
SCHOOL OF PUBLIC SERVICE**

**Course Waiver Policy:
CORE-GP 1022 Introduction to Public Policy**

The Wagner course CORE-GP 1022, Introduction to Public Policy, provides an introduction to the tools of policy analysis and the roles of policy analysts. Students with significant undergraduate or graduate coursework in Political Science or Public Policy may be eligible to waive CORE-GP 1022, creating greater flexibility in schedules. Depending on your prior coursework, you may be able to substitute an upper-level course within the policy specialization or, if you have an extensive background in policy, an elective of your choosing.

Students should consult the current syllabi for CORE-GP 1022 (available on the Wagner website: wagner.nyu.edu/portal/students/academics/courses) to identify the degree of overlap with courses already taken elsewhere. Please note that some sections of the course emphasize different elements from others, but all sections cover a core of topics. Among topics covered are the roles of government; systematic sources of the success of markets, governments, and nonprofits; political decision-making processes and their impact on policy; and methods of policy analysis.

To submit your course waiver request, gather the specific materials outlined in the policies below. Submit all documents in a single PDF [via the online submission form here](#). Make sure to only submit complete waiver requests- incomplete requests cannot be processed.

To request a course waiver, submit the specific materials outlined below. Please note that all waiver requests must include the following:

- Memo describing how meet the waiver criteria for CORE-GP 1022 and the degree of overlap with courses already taken elsewhere. Please include the following in your memo:
 - ✓ Your full name
 - ✓ Your University ID# (N#)
 - ✓ Your email address
 - ✓ Name of university
 - ✓ Name of course(s) as listed on your transcript
 - ✓ Course number(s) & section(s)
 - ✓ Semester and year course(s) were taken
 - ✓ Grade(s) received in the course(s).
 - ✓ A table with point-by-point comparison of your coursework and Introduction to Public Policy at Wagner (see model, next page).
- Copies of supporting documentation
 - ✓ Complete syllabus for each course mentioned in memo. If syllabus from the semester and year you took the course is not available, you may

attach a more recent syllabus with a note from the school/instructor explaining that the course content has not changed.

All documentation should be submitted in a single document [via the form](#).

If you did not submit an official transcript with the relevant course(s) to NYU Wagner Admissions, please contact Wagner Student Services for instructions.

If you have questions, you can contact Wagner Student Services at wagner.studentservices@nyu.edu.

Point-by-Point Comparison Table

Category	NYU Wagner	Your course work
Course Description	Introduction to Public Policy covers a wide range of topics, from the norms and values informing democratic policymaking to the basics of cost-benefit and other tools of policy analysis. Though emphases will differ based on instructor strengths, all sections will address the institutional arrangements for making public policy decisions, the role of various actors-including nonprofit and private-sector professionals-in shaping policy outcomes, and the fundamentals (and limits) of analytic approaches to public policy.	
Course Objectives	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To understand core theories of the process of making public policy 2. To understand the politics of policy arguments 3. To understand the decision making tools and strategies of policymakers 4. To learn how to conduct an institutional analysis for a policy proposal in a variety of institutional contexts 5. To learn how to write a memorandum presenting an institutional analysis. 	
Typical Course Topics	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduction to the Public Policy Process • Intellectual Foundations • The Stages Heuristic and the Games Policymakers Play • Introduction to Institutional Analysis • The 'How' of Policy Design • Policy Implementation and Public Administration • Information: Framing, Rigidities, Networks, and Cascades 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• All Together Now: Synthetic Approaches to the Policy Process• Stories and Ideas in the Policy Process• The Institutional Analysis Memorandum	
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