Scientific Tendencies in Public Administration and Policy Studies  
(F000814)

Valid as from the academic year 2018-2019

Course Specifications

Course offerings and teaching methods in academic year 2018-2019

A (semester 2)  
Dutch  

- Lecture 20.0 h
- Guided self-study 12.5 h

Offered in the following programmes in 2018-2019

- Master of Science in Public Administration and Management 4 A

Teaching languages

Dutch

Keywords

Governance, steering concepts, hierarchy, market and networking. Steering instruments

Position of the course

The concept of ‘governance’ certainly is one of the most used concepts in the recent study of public administration. But what could be called a ‘container’ concept: most scholars use it in their own way. It covers changing steering relations in our society: changing relations of steering between government and private initiative, changing intergovernmental relations.

The course is an advanced one: it aims at improving the capacity of students to study complex problems in the organization of our society and to develop analytical tools to unravel those complexity: what is really going on, what is the real impact of so called ‘governance’ settings, what is the real impact of government, how do relations and interactions in our society really work?

Contents

The literature on ‘governance’: analysing recent literature. Which variables are covered by the concept of ‘governance’?

What is the meaning of hierarchy, market and networking.

Coproduction, interactive policy making and privatisation: between rhetorics and the field.

What is the meaning of ‘meta-governance’?

Initial competences

Students are trained on the level of competencies of an academic bachelor: they are able to make their own status questionis, to analyse literature, to make their own hypothesis for the study of actual problems, to integrate their findings in a report and a presentation. Basic knowledge of the study of public administration and public management is necessary.

Final competences

1. Able to apply literature on governance of complex steering problems in the field

2. Able to make their own analysis within the framework of an original scientific piece of work

3. Able to develop, in an autonomous way, of a status quaestionis of the selected topic

4. Able to set up a scientific process, leading to a well structured presentation, including policy advice

(Approved)
Access to this course unit via a credit contract is determined after successful competences assessment.

This course unit cannot be taken via an exam contract.

Guided self-study, lecture.

Presence is necessary.

Lectures

Presence is necessary.

Guest lectures

texts on the electronic learning environment

Oral examination

The score is based on the oral exam (presentation and oral defense).

The score can be adjusted by the process evaluation.

During the exam period:
Presentation and evaluation during the oral exam.

Second period: presentation and evaluation during the oral defense (100%)

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