

Sample - Course based study proposal

I am working towards my Master of Public Administration degree. I have completed three courses so far. The courses are JSGS 882 Strategic Management in Public Sector, JSGS 801 Governance and Administration and JSGS 808 Ethical Leadership and Democracy.

JSGS 882 - This course helps with management skills by focusing on self-assessment/reflection, goal setting, teamwork and stress management. In JSGS 801, we learned about how policies are formed and implemented in government. This has helped me to understand where those policies are coming from and the process behind their creation. We also learned about the administrative process of decision making which is something that I do everyday in my job. In JSGS 808, we learned how to apply ethics to the decision-making process and policies. This course has taught me to think about the ethics of the decisions I make and of the policies we create or amend.

I still have several courses yet to take in my degree. JSGS802 – Public Finance and JSGS 838 Sector Financial Management, will give me better knowledge of how the federal governments fiscal decisions affect provincial decision-making. In addition these courses will offer education about the government financial cycle.

JSGS 807 Statistics for Public Managers, will be useful for me in my current job as we base some of our decisions on statistical data. I am interested to learn about descriptive and inferential statistics and how to properly interpret them.

JSGS 805- Economics for Public Policy Analysis –will offer me frameworks for the analysis of public policy. I am eager to learn the key concepts of cost-benefit analysis and how this is used to analyze a public policy.

JSGS 806 – Public Policy Analysis – This course will give me an understanding of how policies are developed which will strength my ability to evaluate policy.

JSGS 891 – Public Policy Professionalism – This course gives an overview of public sector processes, focusing on the public servants' roles and responsibilities in government.

I will have to take two elective courses for my program, but I have not yet decided what those courses will be. As I go through my program I will decide these courses based on my personal interest and what would be most helpful to my professional development.

I have worked in public administration for sixteen years now. This degree will provide me with further background knowledge in public administration and will help improve my skills as well as providing me with professional development that will help me to move forward in my career.