



Fall 2018 Course

102 (01, 51155) – Making the City Work: Public Services

Day/Time: Monday – 3:05 – 5:55 PM

Building/Room: Powdermaker Hall 253

Instructor: John Seley

Course Description: This course is an exploration of the scope and variety of urban institutions as they are revealed in the design and delivery of public services. It will focus, specifically, on "myths of public service," our common misunderstandings of how services work and what they are supposed to do. It will also emphasize opportunities for change within the context of the political environment and entrenched bureaucracies.

The first part of the course will focus on the understanding of urban services and institutions, emphasizing the role of the media and how cities became separate and unequal entities to suburbs. We next explore one of the most misunderstood issues, that of crime and punishment. Following that, we analyze a series of other issues, including the fire, housing, the environment, and others.