

NC STATE UNIVERSITY

Department of
Public Administration



PA 598/798: APPLIED PROBLEM SOLVING – THE NCSU CLIMATE ACTION PLAN

Fast-moving problems in an increasingly technically-complex and data-driven environment create both challenges and opportunities for public and non-profit managers. This course will provide an overview of evaluative frameworks, analytical tools, and available sources of data to inform decision-making on a pressing public-sector need, in the case of the Fall 2018 semester, an evaluation and updating of the NC State Climate Action Plan. Interspersed with overviews of critical concepts, theories, and frameworks will be campus site visits and guest lectures from program directors and facility managers. In class, students will work to hone their skills dissecting problems, locating or generating appropriate data, formulating solutions, and reporting findings to critical constituencies. The course will conclude with a formal presentation of the updated report to university sustainability office and Sustainability Council representatives and other internal stakeholders.

Fall 2018
Time: Monday
6:00PM-8:45PM
Caldwell Hall
Room 212

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Prerequisites:
Advanced undergraduate standing including 12 hours in PS program, graduate standing or PBS status