

TABLE 1.1 Fields of Policy Study

Field of Policy Study	Representative Research Questions	Representative Conceptual Frameworks	Methodological Approach and Examples	Representative Disciplines
Policy and politics	Does politics cause policy, or policy cause politics?	Policy typologies Stages heuristic	Quantitative and qualitative classification (typology and taxonomy) Statistical analysis Case studies	Political science
Policy process	Why does government pay attention to some problems and not others? How are policy options formulated? Why does policy change?	Bounded Rationality Multiple streams (garbage can models) Punctuated equilibrium Advocacy coalitions Diffusion theory Systems theory	Quantitative	Political science Economics

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Policy analysis	<p>What should we do?</p> <p>What options exist to address a particular problem?</p> <p>What policy option should be chosen?</p>	Welfare economics /utilitarianism	<p>Quantitative</p> <p>Formal/Qualitative</p> <p>Cost-benefit analysis</p> <p>Risk assessment</p> <p>Delphi technique</p>	<p>Political science</p> <p>Economics</p> <p>Public administration</p> <p>Policy-specific subfields (education, health, etc.)</p>
Policy evaluation	<p>What have we done?</p> <p>What impact did a particular program or policy have?</p>	<p>Program theory</p> <p>Research design frameworks</p>	<p>Quantitative/Qualitative</p> <p>Statistics</p> <p>Expert judgment</p>	<p>Political science</p> <p>Economics</p> <p>Public administration</p> <p>Policy evaluation</p> <p>Policy-specific subfields</p>
Policy design	<p>How do people perceive problems and policies?</p> <p>How do policies distribute power and why?</p>	<p>Discourse theory</p> <p>Hermeneutics</p>	<p>Qualitative</p> <p>Text analysis</p>	<p>Political science</p> <p>Philosophy/Theory</p> <p>Sociology</p>

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<p>Policy design (continued)</p>	<p>Whose values are represented by policy? How does policy socially construct particular groups? Is there common ground to different policy stories and perspectives?</p>			
<p>Policymakers and policymaking institutions</p>	<p>Who makes policy decisions? How do policymakers decide what to do? Why do they make the decisions they do?</p>	<p>Public choice Incrementalism</p>	<p>Formal theory Quantitative analysis</p>	<p>Political science Economics Public administration</p>
<p>Policy Implementation</p>	<p>Why did a policy fail (or succeed)? How was a policy decision translated into action?</p>	<p>Bounded rationality Ad hoc</p>	<p>Quantitative analysis Qualitative analysis</p>	<p>Political science Economics Public administration Policy-specific subfields</p>