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PSC 361.01: Public Administration

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Political Science 361
PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION
Fall 2007

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Class Location: LA 337

Course Description

This course introduces students to the field of public administration. It focuses on the knowledge and skills necessary for public administrators to operate in the public service environment.

Course Objectives

1. To acquire substantive knowledge regarding the field of public administration.
2. To develop understanding of public organization dynamics and the processes of public management.

Required Texts

“Public Administration in the New Century,” Jeffrey D. Greene, Thomson Wadsworth

“Public Administration: Concept and Cases,” Richard J. Stillman, Houghton Mifflin Company

Course Requirements

Students are required to read all assigned readings, be prepared to discuss them in class and take five exams. Each exam is worth 50 points. Students are required to participate in a group exercise regarding public policy through legislation which is worth 50 points. There are 300 possible points for the course.

A = 279-300 points

A- = 270-278

B+ = 261-269

B = 249-260

B- = 240-248

C+ = 231-239

C = 219-230

C- = 210-218

D+ = 201-209

D = 189-200

D- = 180-188

F = 0-179

Reading Assignments

Monday, August 27

Introduction to Course

Wednesday, August 29

The Field of Public Administration

Friday, August 31	Understanding Public Administration Read Chapter 1 Greene, Pages 1-39
Monday, September 3	No Class – Labor Day
Wednesday, September 5	Understanding Public Administration (Continued) Chapter 1 Greene, Pages 1-39
Friday, September 7	Scope and Purpose of Public Administration Read Chapter 1 Stillman, Pages 1-29
Monday, September 10	Intergovernmental Relations Read Chapter 5 Stillman, Pages 124-143
Wednesday, September 12	Case Study Read Stillman, Pages 30-44
Friday, September 14	Studying Public Administration Read Chapter 2 Greene, Pages 48-75
Monday, September 17	Studying Public Administration (Continued) Chapter 2 Greene, Pages 48-75
Wednesday, September 19	Internal Dynamics – Concept of Informal Groups Read Chapter 6 Stillman, Pages 154-166
Friday, September 21	TEST #1
Monday, September 24	Bureaucracy Read Chapter 3 Greene, Pages 79-117
Wednesday, September 26	Bureaucracy (Continued) Chapter 3 Greene, Pages 79-117
Friday, September 28	Concept of Bureaucracy Read Chapter 2 Stillman, Pages 50-62
Monday, October 1	Case Study Read Stillman, Pages 63-75
Wednesday, October 3	Organizational Theory and Management Read Chapter 4 Greene, Pages 122-150
Friday, October 5	Organizational Theory and Management Read Chapter 4 Greene, Pages 151-179

Monday, October 8	Decision Making Theories Read Chapter 8 Stillman, Pages 220-233
Wednesday, October 10	Case Study Read Stillman, Pages 234-249
Friday, October 12	TEST #2
Monday, October 15	Public Personnel Administration Read Chapter 5 Greene, Pages 189-226
Wednesday, October 17	Public Personnel Administration (Continued) Chapter 5 Greene, Pages 189-226
Friday, October 19	Personnel Motivation Read Chapter 11 Stillman, Pages 340-350
Monday, October 22	Case Study TBA in Class
Wednesday, October 24	Public Budgeting Read Chapter 6 Greene, Pages 232-268
Friday, October 26	Public Budgeting (Continued) Chapter 6 Greene, Pages 232-268
Monday, October 29	Budgeting Process – State of Montana
Wednesday, October 31	TEST #3
Friday, November 2	Public Policy Read Chapter 7 Greene, Pages 272-310
Monday, November 5	Case Study Read Stillman, Pages 202-211
Wednesday, November 7	Public Policy Through Legislation
Friday, November 9	Public Policy Through Legislation
Monday, November 12	No Class – Veteran’s Day
Wednesday, November 14	Public Policy Through Legislation
Friday, November 16	Public Policy Through Legislation

Monday, November 19	Public Policy Through Legislation
Wednesday, November 21	No Class – Thanksgiving Holiday
Friday, November 23	No Class – Thanksgiving Holiday
Monday, November 26	Public Policy Through Legislation
Wednesday, November 28	Test #4
Friday, November 30	Ethics In Public Administration Read Chapter 9 Greene, Pages 360-386
Monday, December 3	Ethics and Public Service Read Chapter 16 Stillman, Pages 501-513
Wednesday, December 5	Ethics In Public Administration Viewpoints of Other Theorists
Friday, December 7	Test #5