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Administrative law is the part of constitutional law that deals with the work of public administrators. Its principles are closely related to the doctrines of separation of powers and due process. The traditional divisions of administrative law are the delegation doctrine (the relationship of an agency to the legislature), judicial review (the relationship of an agency to the courts), rulemaking (the procedures an agency follows when it makes law), and adjudication (the procedures an agency follows when it resolves disputes). Newer concerns of administrative law are public access to the records of agencies and the informal discretion of bureaucrats.

Text: Steven Cann, Administrative Law, 3rd edition.

Grade: 1 st examination	60 points
2 nd examination	60 points
3 rd examination	70 points
Participation	20 points

A+ 196-200	B+ 176-179	C+ 156-159	D+ 136-139
A 188-195	B 168-175	C 148-155	D 128-135
A- 180-187	B- 160-167	C- 140-147	D- 120-127
			F -119

Reading: 7 to 10 pages per class meeting

Writing: Each student enrolled in PSC 300, 400, or 596 will complete two technical writing projects and an annotated bibliography. Written work will be graded for content (clarity and validity) and writing quality (grammar, diction, syntax, and logical organization).

Format: Students are expected to complete reading assignments and participate in class discussion. Class discussion will concentrate on case principles, evolution of doctrine, and practical problems. The instructor will be discussion leader and will lecture as required.

Examination: The first two examination dates will be October 11 and November 10. The third examination, which will cover material from the second test to the end of the course, is scheduled for Tuesday, Dec. 14 at 8:00 AM. Each examination will use definition questions to test knowledge of key principles and doctrines and short-essay questions to test analytical reasoning.

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