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POLITICAL SCIENCE 523
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Administrative law is the part of public law that deals with the work of public administrators. Its principles are closely related to the doctrines of separation of powers and due process in constitutional law. 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 the agencies and the broad informal discretion of bureaucrats.

Text: The Legal Foundations of Public Administration, 2nd edition

Grade: Midterm examination	- 30%
Final examination	- 30%
Essays	- 30%
Attendance and discussion	- 10%

Reading: 8-10 pages per class meeting

Writing: Students will write several short analyses of assigned problems and be responsible for an annotated bibliography. Written work will be graded for content (clarity and validity) and writing quality (grammar, syntax, and logical development).

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 midterm examination date will be announced a week in advance. The final examination, which will cover material from the midterm to the end of the course, is scheduled for Monday, December 18, 1:00-3:00.

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