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POLITICAL SCIENCE 523

Administrative Law

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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 constitutional law 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 the agencies and the broad informal discretion of bureaucrats.

Text: Steven Cann, Administrative Law, 2nd edition.

Grade: Midterm examination	- 30% (60 points)
Final examination	- 30% (60 points)
Essays	- 30% (60 points)
Attendance and discussion	- 10% (20 points)

A = 180-200 points

B = 160-179 points

C = 140-159 points

D = 120-139 points

F = 0 -119 points

Reading: approximately 15 pages per class meeting

Writing: Each student will write two analyses of problems that are parts of group 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 midterm examination date will be October 18. The final examination, which will cover material from the midterm to the end of the course, is scheduled for Wednesday, Dec. 19, 3:20 p.m. Both examinations will use definition questions to test knowledge of key principles and doctrines and short-essay questions to test analytical reasoning.

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