

Minnesota State University Moorhead

POL 340: Public Administration

A. COURSE DESCRIPTION

Credits: 3

Lecture Hours/Week: 3

Lab Hours/Week: 0

OJT Hours/Week: *.*

Prerequisites: None

Corequisites: None

MnTC Goals: None

The structure, operation, and politics of public bureaucracy, and its relations with other actors and institutions in government.

B. COURSE EFFECTIVE DATES: 02/20/1999 - Present

C. OUTLINE OF MAJOR CONTENT AREAS

1. What is public administration
2. How is bureaucracy created and organized
3. The sources and limits of bureaucratic power
4. Influences on the behavior of bureaucrats
5. How are bureaucrats overseen and guided by Congress, the President and the courts
6. How do bureaucrats influence policymaking by Congress, the President and the courts

D. LEARNING OUTCOMES (General)

1. Students identify and explain theories on the role of bureaucracy in representative government.
2. Students analyze how bureaucrats and bureaucratic agencies use power to influence decisions by other institutions of government.
3. Students explain the influence of tools available to Congress, the President and courts on bureaucratic behavior.
4. Students identify and explain differences in the roles, influences and goals of political appointees and civil service bureaucrats.
5. Students analyze the influences from within government and out of government on bureaucratic decision making.

E. Minnesota Transfer Curriculum Goal Area(s) and Competencies

None

F. LEARNER OUTCOMES ASSESSMENT

As noted on course syllabus

G. SPECIAL INFORMATION

None noted