Political Science 660: Contemporary Perspectives on Public Administration

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Required Texts:


Topics:

Introductory Meeting

**Topic #1: The Nature of Public Administration Research**

Required readings:

- Frederickson et al., *Primer*, Ch. #1.
Additional readings:


**Topic #2. Bureaucratic Politics and Political Control**

Required readings:

- Frederickson et al., *Primer*, Ch. #2 & 3.

Additional readings:
- See my POLS 558 syllabus.

**Topic #3. Bureaucratic Behavior—Decision Making**

Required readings:
- Frederickson et al., Primer, Ch. #7 & 8.

Additional readings:


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**Topic #4: Bureaucratic Behavior—Motivation and Attitudes**

Required readings:


Additional Readings:


**Topic #5: Public Choice Theory**

**Required readings:**
- Frederickson et al., *Primer*, Ch. #8.

**Recommended readings:**

**Topic #6: Public Institutional Theory**

**Required readings:**
- Frederickson et al., *Primer*, Ch. #4.

**Additional readings:**

**Topic #7: Theories of Public Management**

**Required readings:**
- Frederickson et al., *Primer*, Ch. #5.


Additional readings:

Topic #8: Network Theory and Theories of Governance

Required readings:
Frederickson et al., Primer, Ch. #9

Recommended readings:


**Topic #9: Post-Modern Perspectives**

**Required readings:**

- Frederickson and Smith, ch #6.

Recommended readings:

**Topic #10: Experiencing Bureaucracy**

Required reading:

**Topic #11: Critical and Feminist Theories**

Required readings:
- Frederickson and Smith, Ch. #6.

Additional readings:

**Topic #11: Conclusion**

- Frederickson et al., *Primer*, Ch. #10.