New Course Request

Indiana University

South Bend Campus

Check Appropriate Boxes:
- Undergraduate credit [X]
- Graduate credit [ ]
- Professional credit [ ]

1. School/Division: College of Liberal Arts & Sciences
2. Academic Subject Code: POLS
3. Course Number: V120 (must be cleared with University Enrollment Services)
4. Instructor: Trottier/Candler
5. Course Title: Public Affairs

Recommended Abbreviation (Optional)

(Limited to 32 Characters including spaces)

6. First time this course is to be offered (Semester/Year): Fall 2008
7. Credit Hours: Fixed at 3 or Variable from to
8. Is this course to be graded S-F (only)? Yes [X] No [ ]
9. Is variable title approval being requested? Yes [ ] No [X]
10. Course description (not to exceed 50 words) for Bulletin publication:
    Introduction to public affairs through inquiry into government structures and policy processes at the international, federal, state and local level.

11. Lecture Contact Hours: Fixed at 3 or Variable from to
12. Non-Lecture Contact Hours: Fixed at 0 or Variable from to
13. Estimated enrollment: 35 of which 0 percent are expected to be graduate students.
14. Frequency of scheduling: Each semester

Will this course be required for majors? [Yes]

15. Justification for new course: Replaces the existing V170, required in both the BSPA and BSCJ degrees. Change needed due to IUSB SPEA restructuring.

16. Are the necessary reading materials currently available in the appropriate library? [Yes]

17. Please append a complete outline of the proposed course, and indicate instructor (if known), textbooks, and other materials.

18. If this course overlaps with existing courses, please explain with which courses it overlaps and whether this overlap is necessary, desirable, or unimportant.

19. A copy of every new course proposal must be submitted to departments, schools, or divisions in which there may be overlap of the new course with existing courses or areas of strong concern, with instructions that they send comments directly to the originating Curriculum Committee. Please append a list of departments, schools, or divisions thus consulted.

Submitted by:

Lincoln Chen

Department Chairman/Division Director

Date: 1/28/08

Dean of Graduate School (when required)

Date

Approved by:

Dean

Date: 2/18/08

Chancellor/Vice-President

Date

University Enrollment Services

Date

After School/Division approval, forward the last copy (without attachments) to University Enrollment Services for initial processing, and the remaining four copies and attachments to the Campus Chancellor or Vice-President.

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COURSE SYLLABUS
POLS -- Public affairs

Instructor: George Candler
Day/time: Monday/Wednesday 11:30 -- 12:45
Location: Greenlawn 103
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Course Objective:

Greetings, and welcome to POLS, "Public affairs."

As indicated in the course description, the objective of this class is to provide an "Introduction to public affairs through inquiry into government structures and policy processes at the international, federal, state and local level." The emphasis, in this class, from this description will be on the 'broad coverage', giving students some foundational knowledge to better understand public affairs.

As in all social science classes, a strong emphasis will also be placed on strong writing: the ability to identify an important issue, gather evidence regarding the issue, and organize and present the information in a coherent, effective manner.

Course structure:

There will be three complimentary means of instruction: readings, a web page, and class lecture sessions. The web page will both broadly discuss the week's material, and link you to other information relevant to the weekly subjects. Readings will include those listed on the syllabus and drawn from the course texts, as well as various articles which will be distributed a week ahead.

Required texts:

  or

To contain further student expenditure, we will also make use of (free) electronic materials available on line, through three media. First, EBSCO Host Research Databases, available on the
Schurz Library system. To see if you can access these, try to click on the following. For off-campus access to this, you may need to reconfigure your browser:

**JSTOR**


**EBSCO Host** (Business Source Premier and Academic Source premier are particularly useful)


Second, there is a lot of useful stuff available just through normal web links. Try, for instance, this link to American Society for Public Administration.

## Readings

### Date -- Topic (Readings)

**8-10 January -- Why public administration?**

- Why (and why not) public administration?
  - Denhardt and Grubbs (chapter 1), or Denhardt & Denhardt (ch 1)
- The course and instructor

**15 January -- Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday**

- King's Nobel Prize acceptance speech

**17 January -- Personal action in public organizations**

- Personal action in public organizations
  - Denhardt and Grubbs (ch 1), or Denhardt & Denhardt (ch 1)

**22-24 January -- The ethics of public service**

- Conceptually
  - Denhardt and Grubbs (ch 4), or Denhardt & Denhardt (ch 4)
- Bureaucracy despised, disparaged, and defended
  - Goodsell (ch 1)
- First paper due (24 January)

**29-31 January -- Political context of public administration**
• Political context of public administration
  o Denhardt and Grubbs (ch 2), or Denhardt & Denhardt (ch 2)
• What citizens experience from bureaucracy

5-7 February -- The interorganizational context of public administration
• The interorganizational context
  o Denhardt and Grubbs (ch 3), or Denhardt & Denhardt (ch 3)
• More bureaucracy myths to delete
  o Goodsell (ch 3)

12-14 February -- The international context of public administration
• Globalization
  o Joe Canadian Rant (video)
  o Pierre Elliott Trudeau, "Sleeping with an elephant." (audio)
• Comparison

19-21 February -- Budgeting and financial management
• Budgeting and finance
  o Denhardt and Grubbs (ch 5), or Denhardt & Denhardt (ch 7)
  o The Budget Message of the President
  o Overview of the President's 2008 Budget
  o Summary Tables (Budget 2008)
  o Budget highlights
• Ask the impossible of bureaucracy?
  o Goodsell (ch 4)

26-28 February -- The management of human resources
• Personnel management
  o Denhardt and Grubbs (ch 6), or Denhardt & Denhardt (ch 8)
• Representative bureaucracy
• Second paper due (28 Feb)

5-7 March -- Planning, implementation, and evaluation
• Planning, implementation and evaluation
  o Denhardt and Grubbs (ch 7), or Denhardt & Denhardt (ch 6)
• Looking closer at the bureaucrats
  o Goodsell (ch 5)

12-14 March -- Spring Break

19-21 March -- Managing organizational dynamics
• Organizational dynamics
  o Denhardt and Grubbs (ch 8), or Denhardt & Denhardt (ch 5)
• Bureaucratic bigness and badness reconsidered
  o Goodsell (ch 6)

26-28 March -- The new public management (etc.)
• The reform record
• New public management
  o Denardt and Grubbs (ch 9), or Denhardt & Denhardt (ch 11)

2-4 April -- The comparative context

• Military intervention
• Two views on trade:
  o The poor can represent themselves:
  o Rich world activists must represent the poor:

9-11 April -- Personal skills and public management
• What managers do
  o Denardt and Grubbs (ch 10), or Denhardt & Denhardt (ch 9)
• Power and leadership
• Third paper due (11 April)

16-18 April -- Interpersonal skills and group dynamics
• Interpersonal skills and group dynamics
  o Denardt and Grubbs (ch 11), or Denhardt & Denhardt (ch 10)
• Fads and fundamentals of bureaucracy
  o Goodsell (ch 7)

23-25 April -- The future of the public service
• Denardt and Grubbs (ch 12), or Denhardt & Denhardt (ch 12)

30 April -- Final exam 11:30-1:30