DEPARTMENT OF
POLITICAL SCIENCE

POLS 2250 DE Public Administration and Governance FALL 2022

Credit Weighting: 0.5 **Pre-/Co-Requisites:** POLS 1400 or POLS 1150 **Restrictions:** None

INSTRUCTOR INFORMATION

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GENERAL DETAILS

The purpose of this course is to build your foundational knowledge and understanding of the history, theory and practice of public administration in the Canadian context. While the course content will primarily focus on this country's administrative practices and reform initiatives, an effort will be made to situate our system and these initiatives in a more global context since the reality is that there has been a widespread adoption of New Public Management (NPM). In addition, this course will also focus on some of the recent and contemporary development in public administration practices with a slight emphasis on current and ongoing budget reforms, hiring policies, structural changes in public service and bureaucratic management as well as financial and hiring cuts that have affected various governmental organizations at both the federal and provincial levels of government. This course is offered entirely online and has been designed to provide you with a variety of pedagogical methods and supports to facilitate the learning process

LEARNING OBJECTIVES

By the end of this course, you should be able to:
1. Analyze the role that the bureaucracy plays in the Canadian system of government;
2. Examine how various organizational theories have impacted the development of public administration in Canada;
3. Identify organizational forms through which the government delivers a variety of programs and services to the public;
4. Assess the evolution of New Public Management in Canada and elsewhere;
5. Critically examine our system of public administration, particularly with respect to the significant changes ushered in with the advent of the New Public Management paradigm;
6. Conduct research using numerous online sources (including government documents, department websites, and online journal articles) to complete a well-researched term paper; and
7. Critically examine recent news sources and apply the various theories and concepts presented within the course material.

METHOD OF ASSESSMENT

Discussions 20%
Quizzes 15%
Term Paper 30%
Final Exam 35%

REQUIRED READING

Title: Public Administration in Canada: Brief Edition
Author(s): Paul Barker and Tim Mau
Edition / Year: 2nd Edition / 2017
Publisher: TopHat
ISBN: 9781774126363