DIRECTED READINGS: ISSUES IN CANADIAN PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION

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FORMAT: Directed readings; some in-person/conference call meetings and online discussion
TIME PERIOD: September-December 2013
TIME/LOCATION: TBC

COURSE CONTENT AND DESCRIPTION:
Many of the challenges in the study of public administration lie in the perceived and actual gaps between theory and practice. This course will encourage learners to integrate theory and practice by working through assigned readings, applying their own experiences, and learning from the experiences of others. Topics covered will include changing approaches to management in the public sector, human resources practice and theory, financial management, reporting, the evolution of accountability, involvement of the public(s) in public administration, and network governance involving relationships with non-government actors.

REQUIRED TEXTS


RECOMMENDED ADDITIONAL SOURCES


If you need additional information public administration in general, Canadian politics and structures, and government decision-making in the Canadian context, there are a number of textbooks and other pieces on government that are worth consulting. The following are particularly useful:

If you did not take POLS 7300 Theory of Public Administration, you will find it useful to read a few of the following articles to provide you with some theoretical context concerning the discipline of Public Administration and how we can draw on a number of disciplinary sources to incorporate theory and practice in our studies.


ASSIGNMENTS AND GRADING

Bibliography and Outline 20% Due October 15, 2013
Analytical research paper 35% Due November 26, 2013
Peer review (research paper) 5% TBC
Critical Analyses (4) 40% Due throughout the semester

*NOTE: VOLUNTARY WITHDRAWAL DEADLINE DATE IS NOVEMBER 13, 2013.*

GRADING SCALE

A+ 90-100 C+ 65-69
A 80-89 C 60-64
B+ 75-79 D 50-59
B 70-74 F 0-49

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