

Indiana University, Bloomington
School of Public and Environmental Affairs
V 450 /V 575: Comparative Public Management and Administration
(Section 24281)
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COURSE OBJECTIVES:

1. To develop policy literacy about the evolution and future of bureaucracy and management of the state; 2. To improve comparative analysis; 3. To think critically about challenges and threats as they apply to the state and governing.

TEXTS:

There are five texts for the course. They are:
Daron Acemoglu and James Robinson, *Why Nations Fail: The Origins of Power, Prosperity, and Poverty* (New York: Crown Business, 2012)
Francis Fukuyama, *State-Building: Governance and World Order in the 21st Century* (Ithaca, NY: Cornell University Press, 2004)
Samuel Huntington, *Political Order in Changing Societies* (New Haven, CT: Yale University Press, 2006)
B. Guy Peters, *The Politics of Bureaucracy* (London: Routledge, 2009)
James Q. Wilson, *Bureaucracy: Why Governments Do and Why They Do It* (New York: Basic Books, 1991)

Throughout the semester, I may occasionally distribute selections of relevant readings to supplement lecture, probably for the Thursday class. No supplemental selection will be more than thirty pages in length. For everything we add, we will detract pages from the assigned reading so as not to add appreciably to the workload.

COURSE STRUCTURE:

Class will involve some lecture but more discussion. I expect that you will read and actively participate in this. Students should be prepared to respond to all questions in class regarding the readings.

MEASURING YOUR PERFORMANCE:

Grades will be measured on the basis of one mid-term exam (100 points), one short paper (75 points), one short group paper (75 points) and a cumulative in-class final exam (150 points). Peer evaluations (for undergraduates) will be embedded in the exams.

Range of Scores	Percentage	Final Grade
360-400	90-100%	A
320-359	80-89.9%	B
280-319	70-79.9%	C

240-279
below 240

60-69%
below 60%

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F

Your teacher reserves the right to alter the syllabus and the grading format, within reason, in order to accommodate the needs of the class. I will do my best to be fair without lowering the standards and expectations of the University. Failure to complete any assignment will result in an automatic *F* for the course.

HONOR CODE:

Cheating and Violation of the Indiana University Honor Code (i.e. cheating your fellow students and then your teacher, in that order) will be subject to the University's disciplinary action.

DATE TOPIC

ASSIGNED READING

Part I: *Foundations*

Week 1.

1-14	Introduction to the Course	No reading
1-16	Government: persistence, growth and change	Peters, ch. 1 Wilson, ch. 16

Week 2.

1-21	James Q. Wilson on Bureaucracy	Wilson, chs. 1-5
1-23	Political Culture and Administration	Peters, ch. 2 Wilson, ch. 6

Week 3.

1-28	Recruitment; Woodrow Wilson: Reading	Peters, ch. 3 on Public Administration
1-30	James Q. Wilson on Managers	Wilson, chs. 7, 8 and 9

Week 4.

2-04	Administrative Structure	Peters, ch. 4
2-06	Regional Case Study	Reading tbd

Week 5.

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| 2-11 | Politics <i>and</i> Administration;
Max Weber on Bureaucracy | Peters, ch. 5
Weber reading |
| 2-13 | Turf, Strategies, Innovation | Wilson, chs. 10,11,12 |

Week 6.

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| 2-18 | Politics <i>of</i> Bureaucracy | Peters, ch. 6
Wilson, ch. 13 |
| 2-20 | Wilson continued; Review | Wilson, chs. 14, 15 |

Week 7.

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| 2-25 | Exam Number One | |
| 2-27 | Administration and Accountability | Peters, ch. 8 |

Part II. *Political order in Changing Societies*

Week 8.

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| 3-04 | Huntington's Political Order: the argument | Huntington, ch. 1 |
| 3-06 | Political Modernization; Change in Traditional Polities | Huntington, chs. 2, 3 |

Week 9.

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| 3-11 | Praetorianism and Political Decay | Huntington, ch. 4 |
| | | Group Paper Due |
| 3-13 | Revolution and Political Order | Huntington, ch. 5 |

Paper Assigned

Week 10.

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| 3-18 | Spring Recess | No Reading |
| 3-20 | Spring Recess | No Reading |

Week 11.

3-25	Parties and Political Stability	Huntington, ch. 7
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Part III. *The Politics of Administrative Reform*

3-27	Reform and Political Change	Huntington, ch. 6 Peters, ch. 9
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	Week 12.	
4-01	Why Nations Fail	pages tbd

4-03 Why Nations Fail pages tbd
Paper due

		Week 13.	
4-08	Why Nations Fail		pages tbd
4-10	Why Nations Fail		pages tbd

Week 14.		
4-15	Why Nations Fail	pages tbd
4-17	Weak States	<i>State Building</i> , ch. 1

Week 15.		
4-22	Weak States	<i>State Building</i> , ch. 2
4-24	Weak States continued	<i>State Building</i> , ch. 3

Week 16.		
4-29	Conclusion	Finish up readings
5-01	Last Class	No reading

Week 17.

5-06	Final Exam	Tuesday, May 6 2.45-4.45 p.m.
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