PAD 6108: Institutions, Policy, and Governance

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Course Description:
The purpose of this course is to provide students with an understanding of how political and administrative institutions of government shape and constrain policy choices. We examine the consequences of various institutional arrangements for substantive policy choices, economic outcomes and administrative decisions.

Required Texts:


Requirements:
Students are required to read the assigned materials, participate fully in class, prepare written research assignments, and make presentations. Students will be given their class participation grade prior to the final. You will then have the option of substituting your participation grade for the final exam grade. If you wish to exercise that option, you must specify this before taking the final exam.

The research question is to be submitted by 9/21 and the research design (or at least a detailed outline of the design) is to be submitted by 11/2. The final research paper must be submitted by 11/30 and can be revised and resubmitted until 12/14. This research paper will be of publishable quality and will examine the consequences of a specific institution or institutional arrangement.
The paper should be between 20 and 30 pages and conform to the style and form of an article submitted to the Journal of Public Administration Research and Theory.

Readings not available online though FSU library resources will be available for downloading on the Black Board class web site. Data sets will be available through the Local Governance Team BlackBoards site which you will have access to for the semester. Additional readings may be added. These will be announced in advance and an updated reading list will be maintained on the Black Board site syllabus. Please meet with the instructor before 9/7 if you need accommodation for a disability.

Grading:
The grade for the course will be determined as follows:
- Research Question and Design assignments: 5%
- Research Paper: 50%
- Final Exam: 0 or 20%
- Presentations and Participation: 25 or 45%

ACADEMIC HONOR POLICY:
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AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT:
Students with disabilities needing academic accommodation should:
1. register with and provide documentation to the Student Disability Resource Center;
2. bring a letter to the instructor indicating the need for accommodation and what type. This should be done during the first week of class.
This syllabus and other class materials are available in alternative format upon request. For more information about services available to FSU students with disabilities, contact: The Student Disability Resource Center
97 Woodward Avenue, South
108 Student Services Building
Florida State University
Tallahassee, FL 32306-4167
(850) 644-9566 (voice)
(850) 644-8504 (TDD)
sdrc@admin.fsu.edu
http://www.disabilitycenter.fsu.edu/
Course Outline and Readings

1. Introduction and Course Overview  8/31
- distribution of syllabus
- discussion of the definition and role of institutions

2. Why Institutions Matter  9/7

Required:


Richard Feiock “Rational Choice and Regional Governance”

Elinor Ostrom Understanding Institutional Diversity, Ch. 1

Recommended:


3. Public Good Markets  9/14

Required:


Recommended:


Alberto Alesina, Reza Baqir and Caroline Hoxby, "Political Jurisdictions in Heterogeneous Communities" http://www.fsu.edu/~localgov/papers/papers_index.htm

4. Forms of Government and their Consequences 9/21

Required:


Recommended:


6. Economic Development 10/5

Required:


Recommended:


7. Growth Management Regulation and Land Use  10/12
Required:


Recommended:


8. Service Delivery and Governance  10/19
Required:


Lamothe, Lamothe, and Feiock 2005. “Vertical Integration in Municipal Service Provision: In-House Public Production of Previously Outsourced Services”
Recommended:


Richard Feiock, Carl Dasse, and James Clingermayer 2004 “Sector Choice For Public Service Provision: The Transaction Cost Implications of Executive Turnover”

9. Regional Institutions and Governance 10/26

Required:
Richard C. Feiock, “Regionalism and Institutional Collective Action The Study of Metropolitan Governance” in Metropolitan Governance: Conflict Cooperation and Cooperation, ch. 1
Annette Steinacker, “Game Theoretic Models of Metropolitan Cooperation ” in Metropolitan Governance: Conflict Cooperation and Cooperation, ch. 3
Stephanie S. Post, “Metropolitan Area Governance and Institutional Collective Action” in Metropolitan Governance: Conflict Cooperation and Cooperation, ch. 4.


10. Institutions, Representation and Distributive Politics  11/2

Required:
William H. Riker  Liberalism Against Populism. Chapters 6-10.

James Clingermayer and Richard C. Feiock. Institutional Constraints and Local Policy Choices: An Exploration of Local Governance, ch. 3


Recommended:


11. Delegation and Administrative Discretion 11/9

Required:


Richard Feiock “Transaction Cost Federalism” [if it is written]

Recommended:


12. Hierarchy, Institutions, and Organization 11/16

Required:

Recommended:


14. Paper presentations 11/30

15. Paper presentations 12/7

16. Final Exam 12/14