**Public Administration (Amended) Tentative Class Schedule**

At this, the administrators and the satraps tried to find grounds for charges against Daniel in his conduct of government affairs, but they were unable to do so. They could find no corruption in him, because he was trustworthy and neither corrupt nor negligent. Daniel 6:4

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**Note: The readings should be done prior to the class meeting under which they are listed. Unannounced reading quizzes are a regular occurrence. This schedule is subject to change. I will give you as much notice as possible of any changes.**

August 20: Introductions and definitions-- What is Public Administration and why should I care? -- What's the big deal about working for the government? **Read in class: Stillman, pp. 2-3** and **Three Orthogonal Lists.**

August 22: Woodrow Wilson and Public Bureaucracy. **Read before Thursday: Stillman - Reading 1.1 by Woodrow Wilson, p. 1** and **Handout - Working for the Government is Cool by Cook**

August 27: Max Weber’s Ideal Bureaucracy -- Is structure a necessary evil? **Read before Tuesday: Stillman - Reading 2 by Max Weber, p. 54**

August 29: Bears Love \_\_\_\_\_, and Prospective Positions in Public Employment. **Read Before Thursday: Handout Case - Are you “Smarter than the Average Bear”? (Group Discussion Case).**

**Web Job Search due August 29.**

September 3 & 5: September 11, 2001 and Public Administration. **Optional read before Tuesday: Stillman - Reading 7 (by Richard Stillman!), p. 172. Read before Tuesday: Catastrophe and the Public Service by Cohen. Read before Thursday: Stillman – Case 6, American Ground: Unbuilding the World Trade Center, p. 160**

**September 5- 12: Test One will be given in the Testing Center.**

September 10 & 12: Progressives, Politics and Pragmatism. **Read before Tuesday: Handout - Pragmatism by Patricia Shields. Read before Thursday: Stillman – Case 11, Who Brought Bernadine Healy Down? p. 331.**

September 17 & 19: Policy Development, Incrementalism and the Continuing Policy Cycle. **Read before Tuesday: Stillman - Reading 8 by Charles Lindblum, p. 215. Read before Thursday: Stillman – Case 13, Expectations, p. 391**

September 24 & 26: Policy analysis and the flow of information--Knowledge IS power. **Read before Thursday: Stillman - Case 4, The Columbia Accident, p. 105** and **Handout - Space Shuttle Challenger** **Case**

**September 26-October 3: Test Two will be given in the Testing Center.**

~~October 8 & 10:~~  October 1 and 3: Human Resources and Organizations-- **Read before Tuesday: Handouts - The Peter Principle by Laurence Peter** and **The Adventures of a Young Man as a Personnel Technician by Shafritz.** **Read before Thursday: Handout Case** **- A Success at the Border...**

~~October 1:~~  October 8: Tentative Guest Speaker – A Life of Public Service

~~October 3:~~ October 10:  TBA

**Interviews due October 10.**

October 15 &17: Planning ahead and looking back-- Long term plans, short term estimates and program evaluations. **Read before Tuesday: Handout - Broken Windows by Robert Behn** / **Read before Thursday: Stillman – Case 8, How a City Slowly Drowned, p. 227**

October 22 & 24: Budgeting-- The gold rule: Them that has the gold makes the rules. **Read before Tuesday: Stillman - Reading 12 by Irene Rubin, p. 345 / Read before Thursday: Stillman - Case 12, Death of a Spy Satellite Program, p. 361** and **Handout** - **Brown (Group Discussion Case)**

**October 24-31: Test Three will be given at the Testing Center**

October 29: Tentative Guest Speaker – Public History and Public Budgeting

October 31, November 5 & 7: Ethics: Relating to God and Man-- Can I make a difference?
**Review Brown Case, Readings as assigned: Handouts - Six Pillars of Character by Michael Josephson**, **APSA Code of Ethics**, **Bluestone Ethics Case and Real Life Questions**

**Extra Credit Constitution Quiz in the Testing Center – November 4-8**

November 12 & 14: Intergovernmental Relations -- How Governments Relate (or fail to…) **Read before Thursday: Stillman - Case 2, How Kristin Died, p. 64 (Note: This is not pleasant; it is an account of domestic violence. Please see me before reading if you have any concerns.)**

November 19 & 21: Rulemaking and Administrative Law -- The secret government and government in the sunshine; administrative hearings. **Read before Thursday: Handout Case - Orange County Rescue Mission and Handout - New York's Governor's Office of Regulatory Reform**

**!!!!!!THANKSGIVING!!!!!!**

**November 21-22 and December 2-5: Test Four will be given at the Testing Center**

December 3: Tentative Guest Speaker - Politics and the Public Interest

December 5: Wrap-up -- "And so, what we have learned applies to our lives today."

**Review and Post Test**

**Wednesday, December 11, 8:00-10:00 - Comprehensive Final**