Tentative Class Schedule

Proverbs 11:14 Where there is no guidance the people fall, But in abundance of counselors there is victory.

Proverbs 15:22 Plans fail for lack of counsel, but with many advisers they succeed.

Proverbs 24:6 Surely you need guidance to wage war, and victory is won through many advisers.

Genesis 41:37 The plan seemed good to Pharaoh and to all his officials. 38 So Pharaoh asked them, "Can we find anyone like this man, one in whom is the spirit of God?"

Harding University Spring 2016

# POLS 306/506

# 11:30-12:45, T/R, GB 201

***Public Policy***

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**Course Objective**: What our governments do touches our lives on a daily basis. To be a conscientious, well informed and professional governmental employee is an admirable and achievable goal. This course is designed as an overview of the process of policy development, analysis and evaluation. The primary objective of the course is to develop a knowledge of the process of policy development and to develop good analytical and decision making skills. Good policies yield good government and well run programs. I want you to leave this course with tools to use in developing, implementing and evaluating good policies.

Integrated into the academic process of learning about Public Policy will be the development of certain skills which will be necessary for you to survive and thrive in the profession of Public Administration. Those skills include: personal initiative; information gathering from a variety of sources (lectures, readings, current events and web research); assimilation and analysis of information (tests, papers and discussions); presentation of information and analysis (tests, papers and discussions); time management; and personal organization and discipline.

Text: Tom Dye’s Understanding Public Policy, 14th edition. Pearson Prentice Hall

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Tentative Class Schedule (January 8th draft):

**First week’s reading: Chapter 1**

January 12 : Introductions, my class policies, and what IS Public Policy?--

January 14: Influences and Definitions

**Week two reading: Chapter 2**

January 19: Models

January 21: How to Write the Policy Paper!

**Week three reading: Chapter 3**

January 26: The Public Policy Making System

January 28: Decision Making Activities

**Public Policy Areas:**

**Week four reading: Chapter 6**

February 02: Criminal Justice

February 04: Go to Jail, go directly to Jail, do not pass GO, do not collect $200…

**Week five reading: Chapter 5 + 7**

February 09: Federalism

February 11: Welfare

 **Week six (and a half) reading: Chapter 8**

**(TEST ONE in the Testing Center Feb 16 - 19.)**

February 16: TBA

February 18: Damon Harris on Social Security

February 23: Health Care

**Week seven, Thursday: (You’ve read Chapter 8, right?)**

February 25:  Health Care

**Spring Break!  February 27 - March 6**

**Week eight reading: Chapter 9**

March 08: Education

March 10: Education

**Week nine reading: Chapter 10**

March 15: Economic Policy

March 17: Fiscal Policy

**Week ten reading: Chapter 11**

March 22: Tax Policy

March 24: Tax Policy(or TBA)

**(TEST TWO in the Testing Center March 28 – April 1.)**

**Week eleven reading: Chapter 16**

March 29: Homeland

March 31: Homeland

**Constitution Extra Credit Quiz – April 4-8**

**Week twelve reading: Chapter 12**

April 05: Trade and Immigration

April 07: Trade and Immigration

April 7 @ 7:30 - ASI David Barton

**Week thirteen reading: Chapter 15**

April 12:Foreign and Defense Policy

April 14: Foreign and Defense Policy

**Week fourteen reading: Chapter 13**

April 19: Environmental Policy – Outdoor Ed

April 21: Environmental Policy

**Week fifteen reading: Chapter 4**

April 26: Paper Presentations

April 28: Review and Question Time. Bonus question: Where is "Question Time" a political institution?

***Final Exam -*** (In the Testing Center - Closes May 4 at 5:30)

One final, redundant, harping, begging note about your readings:

If you have ever had me as your teacher before, you know that readings are an important element of my classes. That is especially true in this class. I want you to be well prepared to understand the topics which are being presented and discussed in class; therefore it is very important that you keep up with the readings. Read the assigned chapters BEFORE the scheduled lectures on the topics and you will have an excellent foundation for learning in the classroom. **There are chapter quizzes and** **there will always be a significant number of test questions taken only from the readings.** Did I mention that I want you to do your readings?You’ll be glad you did!