

Northwest Arkansas Community College
(Social & Behavioral Sciences Division)

Discipline Code

PLSC

Course Number

2303

Course Title

Intro to Public Administration and Policy

Catalog Description

This course introduced students to the public policy making process, the American public policy environment, the theory and practice of public administrators, and the role of public administrators in the public policy process.

Prerequisites

N/A

Credit Hours

3 credit hours

Contact hours

45 contact hours

Load hours

3 load hours

Semesters Offered

Fall

ACTS Equivalent

N/A

Grade Mode

A-F

Learning Outcomes

Students will:

- Define public administration.
- Explain how public administration differs from politics.
- Identify ways that public and private organizations are similar and different.

- Evaluate the positive and negative of different tools that modern public administrators use to pursue public goals.
- Explain the major values of public administrators.
- Illustrate how those values impact the work of government.
- Define the policy process.
- Recognize the different frameworks for evaluating policy.

General Education Outcomes Supported

- Students develop higher order thinking skills.

Standard Practice Topics list

- Administration/Politics Divide
- American Bureaucracy
- Budgeting
- Bureaucratic Decision-making
- Evaluating Public Policy
- History of Public Administration
- Organizational Theory
- Policy Actors
- Policy Efficiency and Efficacy
- Policy Process
- Public Perception of Public Administrators
- Public/Private Divide and Partnerships

Learning activities

- NA

Assessments

- N/A

Grading guidelines

- N/A