The University of Oklahoma
College of Continuing Education
Advanced Programs – Course Syllabus

Course Title:
Managing Public Programs

Course Number:
PSC 5243-102

Course Description:
Managers in all sectors of the economy face considerable challenges in administering operations. This course provides an overview of the primary functions managers contend with on a daily basis. Combining a lecture format with case studies and class discussion, the course offers participants an opportunity to apply management theory to problem situations in an economy characterized by the politics of scarcity and change.

Class Dates, Location and Hours:
- Dates: January 4-6 & 11-13, 2013
- Location: OCCE, Norman, Oklahoma. Classes are held at the Thurman White Forum Building of OCCE, 1704 Asp Avenue.
- Hours: Fri 5:30-9:30 p.m.; Sat 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.; Sun 1:00-5:00 p.m.
- Last day to enroll or drop without penalty: December 6, 2012

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Professor Contact Information:
- Course Professor: C. Kenneth Meyer, Ph.D.
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  Des Moines, IA  50310
- Telephone Number: (515) 271-4128
- E-mail Address: kenneth.meyer@drake.edu
- Professor availability: The professor will be available via e-mail to students before and after the class sessions. On-site office hours are half an hour before and after each class session, by appointment.

Textbook(s) and Instructional Materials:
Student materials are available at the Follett/AP Bookstore located in the Oklahoma Memorial Union, 900 Asp Ave., Norman, OK. Orders can be placed online at www.oklahomaunion.bkstr.com or by telephone at 866-369-9713 (toll free in the U.S.) or 405-325-5960 (outside the U.S.). E-mail orders may be sent to oklahomaunion@bkstr.com. Representatives are available from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. CST Monday through Thursday and 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. CST on Friday. Summer hours: 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. CST. Faxed orders may be placed 24 hours a day to 866-223-5607 (toll free in the U.S.) or 405-325-7140 (outside the U.S.). (Text prices are available online.)


Note: The Follett/AP Bookstore is the Advanced Programs contractual textbook provider. Should text changes become necessary after publication of the course syllabus, Advanced Programs will facilitate text returns/refunds only for texts purchased through the Follett/AP Bookstore.
Course Objectives:
Upon completion of the course, students should be able to:

1. define public administration and identify similarities and differences between public and private administration;
2. understand the development of management education from classical “scientific” approaches to contingent or “open systems” approaches more prevalent today;
3. introduce key theories of leadership, management, human motivation, and organizations, and develop an appreciation for hands-on application of these theories in contemporary public organizations;
4. understand the importance of human resources administration in modern organizations and be able to critically evaluate competing theories concerning the interests, needs, satisfaction, and motivations of people at work;
5. identify important issues in public management today, such as: reinvention, productivity improvement, program evaluation, privatization, use of market strategies, employee participation, and empowerment; and
6. explore processes and functions (e.g., communication, decision-making, planning, budgeting, staffing, coordinating) important to contemporary program management and to understand the internal and external forces that impinge upon management’s response to problems and demands.

Assignments, Grading and Due Dates:
The exercises that are used in managing public programs will enable class participants to confront a number of complex administrative and public policy issues, and make decisions or recommendations on how they believe the dilemmas, issues, and problems should be handled. In the processes surrounding the case (incident) analysis, the participants will be asked to assume a variety of specific roles, for example, the role of administrative consultant, program director, department head, policy analyst, staff analyst, administrative colleague, etc., in relation to the specific problems of the case. In a small group situation, the students will analyze the problems and present their respective recommendations and evaluations.

Each case will emphasize a particular administrative idea, notion, concept, or theory related to effective managerial performance. In dealing with unfamiliar problems, the class participants will gain experience in differentiating the important or salient characteristics from the unimportant or irrelevant facts of the case. In turn, a systematic way of analyzing administrative realities will be encouraged throughout the course. This disciplined approach to thinking and analysis will assist participants in identifying the nature or root causes of the problem, and the alternatives available to the public decision-maker. In addition, the consequences and potential impacts of a decision on the organizational and political environment will be assessed.

The use of cases in facilitating the learning process is a well-established one. Although it is not proposed here that case analysis replace the more traditional models of academic learning, it is suggested that the case approach adds a new and needed dimension to the learning of public administration concepts. Further, teaching and learning through experiences provide a framework in which analytic and communication skills can be developed. In this structured milieu, the student shares with the professor both the responsibility and the control of the learning processes. It is a process in which learning is active rather than passive; an approach that uses both problem-centered as well as theory-based types of learning. The primary goal of the case study approach, therefore, is to enable the maximum transfer of learning to take place in terms of knowledge acquisition, attitude change, problem solving and interpersonal skill development, and knowledge retention, by integrating theory with active participation and action (decision-making). Laurence E. Lynn, Jr., of the John F. Kennedy School of Government, suggests that the case approach helps fulfill this goal. He states, “...to be effective in government, students must learn to think on their feet, interact effectively with others in a group, be able to ask and answer questions, and be able to summarize evidence and arguments quickly, clearly, and persuasively. Case discussions help them develop and perfect these skills.”
Several student-related obligations are assumed:

1. Attend all seminar sessions, unless specific and individual approval to be absent is granted by the professor.
2. Complete all required readings.
3. Complete all course-related assignments.
4. Participate qualitatively in class discussions and other course related activities (simulations, exercises, etc.).
5. Complete the final examination requirements.

Original Case:

Special instructions pertaining to the preparation of the original cases will be provided on the first day of class.

Case Assignments:

Prior to first class session, each student will be assigned at least one case and will have special responsibility for facilitating the Questions and Instructions Unit associated with each case. If fewer than 20 students are enrolled, each student will be responsible for facilitating two cases from the list below. Please check in early with your OU site director and confirm the case(s) that you have been assigned. Thus, please analyze the cases that have been identified with an "asterisk" (*), and write out or outline your responses to the Questions and Instructions section. All case readings and your written responses should be completed prior to the discussion of the assigned cases in class. At the first class meeting, you should be prepared to deal with the cases with an asterisk mark through Number 15. During the subsequent meetings, about one case will be discussed per hour of class-time. Therefore, please schedule your preparatory time accordingly. By the termination of the course, we should have been able to discuss all of the assigned cases.

Please prepare a PowerPoint Presentation for the case study you have been assigned. Please outline the major components of the case in summary form and present the key concerns or problems. Then, you should answer the questions in outline form or with bullets and be prepared to facilitate the discussion in class. This course operates on the basis of full participation of all class members and, therefore, your task should be more easily accomplished. I have attached a sample PowerPoint for your review and consideration when preparing your own. If you wish, you may add supplemental material (graphs, charts, data, etc.), to give your analysis additional value.

Instructions: For each case that has “asterisk” (*) indicated in the Conducting the People’s Business outline, the student is expected to complete the "Case Log and Administrative Journal Entry." The composite of these entries will make up an ADMINISTRATIVE JOURNAL--a journal that will assist you in integrating your substantial formal and informal learning with your experiential knowledge. It is important that you complete the Case Log and Diary after each case has been discussed in class. Of course, the notes, which you take during the substantive presentations, exercises, inventories, simulations, etc., will assist you later in your individual reflections and assessments as they pertain to the assigned cases. Therefore, at the end of the course, you will have completed about 25 or more of these which will make up your Administrative Journal. Please note that the Case Log appears immediately after each case study in the text Conducting the People’s Business.
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<td>43. Dynamic Co-Creation: Building a Competitive Economy</td>
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<td>44. Best Friends on the Job</td>
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Take Home Final Examination

To: PSC 5243, Managing Public Programs’ Participants
From: C. Kenneth Meyer, Instructor
Re: Take-Home Group Exercise: Final Examination

MPA degree programs usually have stated goals related to the development of competencies in graduates. One of these overarching goals is related to the utilization of group resources through sundry types of group processes and activities. Also, most employers state that one of the competencies they want Executive MPA graduates to possess is that of effective oral presentation and written communication. In light of these two goals, I am giving this class the opportunity to once again use the case study method in the discussion and analysis of a number of selected cases drawn from the field of public organization management. The class will be divided into groups comprised of five or six students each.

Specifically, the group should meet as many times as the group thinks it is necessary to discuss and answer four of the questions appearing in the "Questions and Instructions" portion following the write-up of each case. Each group has the liberty of identifying the four questions they will answer. The responses should be written clearly, precisely, and comprehensively, and presented in a PowerPoint format.

Second, the final examination should be submitted no later than two weeks after the last class period. The final may be e-mailed to me at this address: Kenneth.Meyer@Drake.Edu or a hard copy may be sent to my office address.

Since this may be the first time you have had this type of take-home, group examination project, certain problems may develop which I have not fully anticipated. However, as students interested in the management profession, I am sure that you will be resourceful and imaginative in dealing with any problems that you encounter. Whatever is the case, and I expect the assignment to go smoothly for all groups.

I wish you good luck. If you have any questions on this exercise, please contact me during the time-frame leading up to and during the class. Normally, I am easy to reach during the 4:00 P.M. to 5:00 P.M. time periods, especially on Tuesday, Wednesday, or Thursday at 515-271-4128 or 1-800-44-DRAKE. During the dates of the course you will be expected to conduct the group discussion and analysis (some class time will be provided), establish the individual tasks and responsibilities that will be assigned to group members and write-up your selected case.

Please double-space your responses and make sure that you have presented the examination using the best level of professional writing and preparation available to the group. Do not hesitate to present your analysis with accompanying outlines, handouts, exhibits, transparencies, audio-video tapes, or other material which your group believes is important to the discussion.

Finally, the case studies used for the take-home examination will be provided by the instructor and students will be asked to select from a list of cases that which best matches their particular professional or academic interest.

Grading:

This is a letter-graded course: A, B, C, D, or F.

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NOTICE: Failure to meet assignment due dates could result in a grade of I (Incomplete) and may adversely impact Tuition Assistance and/or Financial Aid.
POLICIES AND NOTICES

Attendance/Grade Policy

Attendance and participation in interaction, individual assignments, group exercises, simulations, role playing, etc. are valuable aspects of any course because much of the learning comes from discussions in class with other students. It is expected that you attend all classes and be on time except for excused emergencies.

Excused absences are given for professor mandated activities or legally required activities such as emergencies or military assignments. Unavoidable personal emergencies, including (but not limited to) serious illness; delays in getting to class because of accidents, etc.; deaths and funerals, and hazardous road conditions will be excused.

If you are obtaining financial assistance (TA, STAP, FA, VA, Scholarship, etc.) to pay all or part of your tuition cost, you must follow your funding agency/institution’s policy regarding “I” (Incomplete) grades unless the timeline is longer than what the University policy allows then you must adhere to the University policy.

Students who receive Financial Aid must resolve/complete any “I” (Incomplete) grades by the end of the term or he/she may be placed on “financial aid probation.” If the “I” grade is not resolved/completed by the end of the following term, the student’s Financial Aid may be suspended make the student ineligible for further Financial Aid.

Students are responsible for meeting the guidelines of Tuition Assistance and Veterans Assistance. See the education counselor at your local education center for a complete description of your TA or VA requirements.

Academic Honesty

Honesty is a fundamental precept in all academic activities and … [you] have a special obligation to observe the highest standards of honesty. Academic misconduct in any form is inimical to the purposes and functions of the University and is therefore unacceptable and is rigorously proscribed. Academic misconduct includes:

- cheating (using unauthorized materials, information, or study aids in any academic exercise), plagiarism, falsification of records, unauthorized possession of examinations, intimidation, and any and all other actions that may improperly affect the evaluation of a student’s academic performance or achievement; assisting others in any such act; or attempting to engage in such acts.

All acts of academic misconduct will be reported and adjudicated as prescribed by the student code of the University of Oklahoma. All students should review the “Student’s Guide to Academic Integrity” found at http://www.ou.edu/provost/integrity

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INSTRUCTOR VITA
C. Kenneth Meyer, Ph.D.

Education

- 1979 Ph.D. in Political Science, The University of Oklahoma
- 1970 M.P.A., Master of Public Administration, The University of Oklahoma
- 1969 M.A. in Political Science, The University of Oklahoma
- 1965 B.A. in Social Science, St. Thomas University, St. Paul, MN

Current Positions

- Advanced Programs Professor since 1967
- Thomas F. Sheehan Distinguished Professor of Public Administration, Department of Public Administration, Drake University, Des Moines, Iowa

Frequently Taught Advanced Programs Courses

- HR 5023 Research in Human Relations
- PSC 5243 Managing Public Programs
- PSC 5143 Program Evaluation
- PSC 5253 Human Resource (Personnel) Administration
- PSC 5173 Bureaucracy and the Policy Process
- PSC 5913 Introduction to Analysis
- HR 5023 Research in Human Relations
- HR 5110 Human Resource Development

Major Areas of Teaching and Research Interest

- Leadership and management issues in complex organizations
- Applied decision-making in public, private, and non-for-profit organizations
- Research methods and quantitative and qualitative analysis
- Violence and authority
- Workplace transformation
- Urban planning and administration
- Human resource management and development
- Workplace issues in contemporary society

Representative Publications and Presentations

Books:

- Co-author- Managing America’s organization. Millennium HRM Press, January, 2005
Articles:

Recent Case Studies:

Presentations:
• 2011 - Keynote Address, “Food Policy: Why We Need to Know More about the Food We Eat,” Innovation and Leadership Conference, Drake University, January, 2011

Representative Honors and Awards Received

- Teacher of the Year, College of Health and Pharmacy, Drake University, 2005
- Nominee, Madelyn Levitt Teacher of the Year Award, Drake University, 1996-2000; 2006
- The Harry I Wolk Distinguished Research Award, Spring, 2002
- Outstanding Teacher of the Year Award, 1996-1997, Drake University, April 8, 1997
- Regents’ Award for Superior Teaching, The University of Oklahoma, 1986
- American Society for Public Administration, Outstanding Contribution Award, 1983
- Pi Alpha Alpha, National Honorary Society for Students in Public Administration and Public Affairs
- Pi Sigma Alpha, National Political Science Honorary Society
- Beta Gamma Sigma, National Business Honorary Society

Major Professional Affiliations

- American Society of Public Administration, 1965-present
- International Personnel Management Association, 1993-present
- Industrial Relations Research Association, 1997-present