

Faculty of Economics & Political Science

Introduction to Public Administration

Information :

Course Code : PAD 101

Level : Undergraduate

Course Hours : 3.00- Hours

Department : Faculty of Economics & Political Science

Instructor Information :

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Area Of Study :

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Course Goals:

- Introduce basic concepts in public administration.
- Discuss the political context in public administration.
- Cover basic managerial issues in non-governmental organizations
- Highlight ethical issues in public service
- Introduce strategic planning in relation to policy making.
- Introduce budgeting.
- Define the concept of Good Governance
- Layout concepts, methods and tools in human resource management in public organizations.
- Explore prospects of the impact of globalization on redefining the roles of government and civil society in public service.

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Course outcomes :

a. Knowledge and Understanding: :

1 -	Comprehend basic concepts and practices in public administration.
2 -	Identify the difference between business administration and public administration.
3 -	Define policy issues and creatively develop optimal alternative solutions.
4 -	Identify main pillars to institutionalize good governance.
5 -	Describe managerial practices in public service and non-governmental organizations.

b. Intellectual Skills: :

1 -	Understand policy-making rationale.
2 -	Critically analyze case studies on administrative issues.

c. Professional and Practical Skills: :

1 -	Examine the role of budgeting as a fiscal policy government instrument.
2 -	Analyze, debate and deal with ethical issues in public service.
3 -	Engage effectively in human resource management practices.
4 -	Explain key government reengineering mechanisms.

d. General and Transferable Skills: :

1 -	Communicate effectively in a group.
2 -	Practice inquiry-based approach to get data and information.

Course Topic And Contents :

Topic	No. of hours	Lecture	Tutorial / Practical
Introductory Lecture and Course Outline	3	1	
Introducing Public Administration: Definitions and Concepts	3	1	
Issue in Public Administration: a. Efficiency versus Responsiveness b. Bureaucracy versus Democracy c. Politics and Administration	3	1	
Intergovernmental Relation Working with Non-Governmental Organization	3	1	
What is public policy? a. Administrative organization (federal government) b. The policy process c. Types of policies d. Sources of bureaucratic power	6	2	
Ethical Issues of Administrative Accountability	3	1	
Midterm Exam		1	
Planning, policy Analysis, Implementation & Evaluation	6	2	
Budgeting & Financial Management	3	1	
Human Resource Management in Public Organizations	3	1	
Government Reengineering Mechanisms	6	2	
Final Exam		1	

Teaching And Learning Methodologies :

Data show and computer in lectures

Demonstration videos

Group discussion

Research Paper

Course Assessment :

Methods of assessment	Relative weight %	Week No	Assess What
Course Work (Attendance, Participation, Assignments, Quizzes, Research Paper...)	30.00		To assess understanding, to assess theoretical background of the intellectual and practical skills and to assess theoretical background.
Final Exam	40.00	15	To assess knowledge and intellectual skills.
Midterm Exam	30.00	8	To assess professional skills.

Periodicals :

Beverly A. Cigler, A Sampling of Introductory Public Administration Texts, Journal of Public Affairs Education, Vol. 6, No. 1, Jan., 2000 (45-53). URL: <http://www.jstor.org/stable/40215466>