Political Science 4011 (Bureaucracy, Politics and Public Policy) Spring 2021 Dr. William (Bill) Blair Email: poblair@lsu.edu

## Introduction:

This is a Covid version of this course. It is online and asynchronous. This makes it much less fun, but much more safe. I hope to see you in a non-Covid course in the future!

This course will examine the American experience with the interaction of bureaucracies, public policy and politics. We will inspect the various theories and actors and how they impact the policy environment in both historical and current circumstances. Finally, we will inquire on the nature of these relationships in the implementation and execution of public policy in the United States.

### Grades will be determined by the following:

## <u>Midterm Exam:</u>

Some combination of short answer/short essay.

## Final Exam:

Some combination of short answer/short essay.

### **Reflection Papers:**

These papers will be on the supplemental reading assignments available on our course Moodle page. The specific directions and requirements are available on our course Moodle page.

### **Chapter Quizzes:**

Some combination of short answer/short essay.

| Quizzes:           | 30% |
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| Reflection Papers: | 20% |
| Mid-term Exam:     | 25% |
| Final Exam:        | 25% |

# **Required Reading:**

- 1. Bureaucracy and Democracy. 4<sup>th</sup> Edition. Balla and Gormley. ISBN: 9781506348889 https://us.sagepub.com/en-us/nam/bureaucracy-and-democracy/book244704
- 2. Various reading assignments provided via Moodle