



School of Behavioral & Social Sciences¹

Wayland Mission Statement

Wayland Baptist University exists to educate students in an academically challenging, learning focused, and distinctively Christian environment for professional success, and service to God and humankind.

Contact Information

Course: PUAD 5318 vc01 – Current Issues in Public Administration

Campus: WBUonline

Term/Session: Fall 2 (October 10 – December 10)

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Textbook Information

Required Textbook(s) and/or Required Materials: ISSUES FOR DEBATE IN AMERICAN PUBLIC POLICY by CQ Press (23rd ed., Oct. 4, 2021), SAGE CO PRESS, ISBN ISBN-10 : 1071835238. *The textbook for this course is part of the **Wayland's Automatic eBook** program. You will have access to an eBook and interactive learning material on the first day of class through your Blackboard course site. The cost of this Automatic eBook will be billed directly to your student account when you register for the course. You will be notified via email with access instructions and additional information. If you do not wish to participate in the Automatic eBook program, you will have the first 12 days of class to opt-out of the program (additional details will be outlined in your email instructions). For more information on the Automatic eBook program, visit the Wayland Bookstore [Automatic eBook FAQ](#) page.*

Optional Materials: *Pocket Guide to APA Style* (7th ed. 2020.); ISBN- 9780357649275

Course Information

Catalog Description: Advance level study directed toward identifying and analyzing current public policy issues. **There is no prerequisite for this course.**

Course Outcome Competencies: Upon completion of this course, each student will be able to:

- Identify, and analyze current public policy issues,
- Formulate public policy plan and courses of action in response to the various public policy issues that have been identified.

Attendance Requirements

Required First Assignment - students must complete the “Required First Assignment” in the first 3 days of class (i.e., by end of the day Wednesday **October 12th**) to be counted as attending and active in the course. Please note if you do not complete the “Required First Assignment” by this Wednesday **October 12th** you will receive a zero on the assignment and be marked absent which may be interpreted by the registrar's office as your desire to drop the course

WBUonline After Required First Assignment Students are expected to participate in all required instructional activities in their courses. Online courses are no different in this regard; however, participation must be defined in a different manner. Student “attendance” in an online course is defined as active participation in the course as described in the course syllabus. Instructors in online courses are responsible for providing students with clear instructions for how they are required to participate in the course. Additionally, instructors are responsible for incorporating specific instructional activities within their course and will, at a minimum, have weekly mechanisms for documenting student participation. These mechanisms may include, but are not limited to, participating in a weekly discussion board, submitting/completing assignments in Blackboard, or communicating with the instructor. Students aware of necessary absences must inform the professor with as much advance notice as possible in order to make appropriate arrangements. Any student absent 25 percent or more of the online course, i.e., non-participatory during 2 or more weeks of an 8-week session, may receive an F for that course. Instructors may also file a Report of Unsatisfactory Progress for students with excessive non-participation. Any student who has not actively participated in an online class prior to the census date for any given session is considered a “no-show” and will be administratively withdrawn from the class without record. To be counted as actively participating, it is not sufficient to log in and view the course. The student must be submitting work as described in the course syllabus. Additional attendance and participation policies for each course, as defined by the instructor in the course syllabus, are considered a part of the university’s attendance policy.

University Policies

Statement on Plagiarism and Academic Dishonesty: Wayland Baptist University observes a zero tolerance policy regarding academic dishonesty. Per university policy as described in the academic catalog, all cases of academic dishonesty will be reported and second offenses will result in suspension from the university.

Disability Statement: In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (ADA), it is the policy of Wayland Baptist University that no otherwise qualified person with a disability be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subject to discrimination under any educational program or activity in the university. The Director of Counseling, Career and Disability Services serves as the coordinator of students with disability and should be contacted concerning accommodation request at (806) 291-3765. Documentation of a disability must accompany any request for accommodations.

Accessibility issues with content in WBUonline courses or in Blackboard should be addressed to the WBU accessibility coordinator, Dr.-Trifilo, trifilot@wbu.edu or call (806) 291-3745.

Student Grade Appeals: Students shall have protection through orderly procedures against prejudices or capricious academic evaluation. A student who believes that he or she has not been held to realistic academic standards, just evaluation procedures, or appropriate grading, may appeal the final grade given in the course by using the student grade appeal process described in the Academic Catalog. Appeals may not be made for advanced placement examinations or course bypass examinations. Appeals are limited to the final course grade, which may be upheld, raised, or lowered at any stage of the appeal process. Any recommendation to lower a course grade must be submitted through the Vice President of Academic Affairs to the Faculty Assembly Grade Appeals Committee for review and approval. The Faculty Assembly Grade Appeals Committee may instruct that the course grade be upheld, raised, or lowered to a more proper evaluation.

Course Requirements and Grading Criteria

Subject of Evaluation	Points	%		Percentage	Grade
Required First Assignment (2 pts.) & Bio (3 pts.)	5	1 ¼ %		90 - 100	A
Unit I – IV Quizzes	100	25 %		80 -89	B
Unit II & II Discussion assignments	95	23 ¾ %		70 -79	C
Unit III Current Event Analysis (CEA)	100	25%		60 - 69	D
Final Exam	100	25%		Below 60	F
Total	400	100%		Incomplete	I

The University has a standard grade scale:

A = 90-100, B = 80-89, C = 70-79, D = 60-69, F= below 60, W = Withdrawal, WP = withdrew passing, WF = withdrew failing, I = incomplete. An incomplete may be given within the last two weeks of a long term, within the last week of an 8-week session, or within the last two days of a microterm to a student who is passing, but has not completed a term paper, examination, or other required work for reasons beyond the student's control. A grade of "incomplete" is changed if the work required is completed prior to the last day of the next long 16-week term or 8-week session, unless the instructor designates an earlier date for completion. If the work is not completed by the appropriate date, the I is converted to an F.

Tentative Schedule

Unit I (Weeks 1 & 2)

Week 1 (Oct. 10 - 16)

Required First Assignment (2 pts.) - complete in the first 3 days of class (i.e., by end of the day Wednesday, October 12th) to be counted as attending and active in the course.

Bio (3 pts) - Submit/Post on Bio by Sunday Oct. 16th.

Reading: Ch. 1 Preventing Wild Fires, Ch. 2 Corporate D&I, Ch. 3 Hollywood and COVID-19, and Ch. 4 State Finances

Unit I Quiz (25 pts.): open-book quiz during Week 1 which ends on **Oct. 16th.**

Week 2 (Oct. 17 - 23)

Unit I & II Discussion Assignment (50 pts.): answer during Week 2 ending **Oct. 23rd.**

Unit II (Weeks 3 and 4)**Week 3 (Oct. 24 - 30)**

Reading: Ch. 5 Reigning in Big Tec, Ch. 6 The Future of Unions, Ch. 7 Expertise Under Assault, and Ch. 8 Evictions and COVID-19

Unit II Quiz (25 pts.): open-book quiz during Week 3 ending **Oct. 30th**.

Week 4 (Oct. 31 – Nov. 6)

Unit I & II Reply-Discussion (45 pts.):"Reply" during Week 4 ending **Nov. 6th**.

Unit III (Weeks 5 and 6)**Week 5 (Nov. 7 - 13)**

Reading: Ch. 9 Voting Rights, Ch. 10 The Biden Presidency, Ch. Rebuilding Americas Infrastructure, and Ch. 12 The GOP's Future

Unit III Quiz (25 pts.): open-book quiz during Week 5 ending **Nov. 13th**.

Week 6 (Nov. 14 - 20)

Current Event Analysis (CEA- 100 pts.): Submit during Week 6 ending **Nov. 20th**.

Thanksgiving break Nov. 21 - 25: no assignments due, but course will be open

Unit IV (Weeks 7 and 8)**Week 7 (Nov. 28 – Dec. 4)**

Reading: Ch. 13 Special Education, Ch. 14 Women in the Workplace, Ch. 15 Health and Safety, and Ch. 16 Domestic Terrorism

Quiz IV (25 pts.): open-book quiz during Week 7 ending **Dec 4th**.

Week 8 (Dec. 5 - 10)

Final Exam (100 pts.): complete the traditional (closed-book) timed, but not proctored final exam during and by the end of the second week of Unit IV (i.e., Week 8 last week of course) ending on **December 10th**.

Additional Information

No Late Assignments: assignments must be submitted in the course on Blackboard by their respective due date except by permission from the professor only granted in exigent circumstances as determined by the professor.
