**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 5303 VC01 – Public Administration

**Campus**

: WBUonline

**Term/Session**

**:** Fall 2 2025

**Instructor**

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**Office Hours, Building, and Location**

**:** Monday to Thursday, 9:00 to 3:00 pm

**Class Meeting Time and Location**

**:**  WBU Online

**Course Information**

**Catalog Description**

**:** In-depth study in such areas as historical development; leaders and leading public organizations; scholarly writings; context, nature, core functions, and structure of public administration; public policy-making, analysis and implementation; managing public organizations; role and effect of politics, regulation, and administrative law on public administration; and public administration’s future challenges. Must be taken within the first three courses in the MPA.

**There is no prerequisite for this course.**

**Textbook Information**

**Required Textbook(s) and/or Required Materials**

**:** Public Administration In America 11th; Michael E. Milakovich & George J. Gordon; ISBN-10: 1111828016  ISBN-13: 9781111828011 ; Cengage Learning.

*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*](https://bookstore.wbu.edu/site_inclusive.asp) *page.*

**Optional Materials**

**:** <<List optional materials recommended to enhance student learning>>

**Course Outcome Competencies**

**:** Upon completion of this course the students will acquire an applied knowledge, understanding, and ability to explain, describe and analyze public administration in federal government to include the roles of Congress,

* the President
* the courts
* interest groups
* political parties
* and the administrative process
* as well as centripetal/centrifugal forces

**Attendance Requirements**

WBUonline

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**

[Link to Statement on Academic Integrity , and reference one of the following in regard to how generative artificial intelligence (GAI) such as ChatGPT may or may not be used in this course:](https://www.wbu.edu/academics/writing-center/Academic%20Integrity%20Statement%20Pol%208.4.1%20Attch%20Oct%2020222.pdf)

1. Generative AI tools permitted in specific context and with proper citations.
   1. Students are allowed to use, reference, or incorporate generative AI tools into specific assignments for this course. When used, students must properly cite the generative AI tool in their submitted work.
   2. While there is no true substitute for direct help and instruction for your instructor, students may be allowed to use generative AI tools to provide further explanations of course content, readings, and other assignments. Any use of generative AI tools to help further explain or translate to content must be properly referenced and cited.
   3. Specific parameters for generative AI usage are provided by the instructor.
   4. Any use of generative AI tools outside of the approved instructor parameters will be considered a form of plagiarism and academic dishonesty.

**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 Disability Services Coordinator and Academic Coach serves as the coordinator of students with disabilities and must be contacted concerning accommodation requests (office (806) 291-1057. 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. Rick Hammer, [hammerr@wbu.edu](mailto:hammerr@wbu.edu) or call (806) 292-9150.

**Course Requirements and Grading Criteria**

Case Assignments: On assigned weeks you will have Three (3) Casebook assignments. Casebook book assignments are located in the weekly content folder. Required length for each Casebook assignment is minimum 250 words (Casebook 1 = 250 words). \***The Case Assignments Readings are located in Blackboard**.

\*Case Book assignments will be uploaded as attachments (link provided in the content folders).

**Weekly Discussion Board Assignments will consist of two (2) requirements/threads each week.**

1. Discussion Board Question(s) from text and videos assigned*: Public Administration In American 11th edition*. It is important students read the chapters assigned and answer each question completely (minimum 100 words per question in your own words). *Feel free to use examples from cases assigned or videos!*
2. Posting for General Comments: Share comments and ideas with your classmates about the class or assignments. \* **You must post to this thread each week**!

Mid-Term and Final Exam:

Each exam (open-book) will consist of multiple-choice questions. Mid-Term and Final exam will be in a content folder.

Final Paper

Students will complete one research paper for this course. Select a topic related to Public Administration in the 21st Century. Topics and outline (1 - 2 pages) will be submitted via assignment link in the content folder, due **November 2, 2025** for approval.  You must cite (APA format) minimum (3) sources in your outline! The final paper should be a minimum of 10 pages of content, excluding coversheet, abstract and references, and should utilize at least six scholarly references. Papers must utilize APA format overview of your paper (include title and reference sources). Paper will be uploaded (link provided in the content folders) Due: **November 30, 2025**.

Plagiarism Policy: Intellectual integrity and truthfulness are fundamental to scholarship. Scholars, whether they are performing as students or as teachers, are engaged in a search for truth. Plagiarism is a form of cheating and also a form of theft. Plagiarism occurs when a student fails to give proper credit when information is either quoted or paraphrased. Carelessness is no excuse. As such, it is a breach of scholarly responsibility. It is also unethical and in some cases, illegal. Looking at or copying someone else’s test, answer sheet, and/or paper are counted as cheating. Plagiarism may result in an “F” in the course.

# Other Important Information:

1. Assignments are due on the deadlines given when the assignment is posted.
2. Written work, including the term paper, is graded on the basis of content first, but also on the quality of grammar and punctuation.
3. All written assignments should be 12-point type, double-spaced, and using APA Manuscript Writing Style.
4. All work should be original work of the individual student.
5. Academic honesty is expected of all students. Plagiarism, cheating, and other acts that lack academic honesty may result in a zero on the particular assignment.
6. Students will need to use the Internet to access some assignments.
7. Always contact the professor if you need assistance.

Weights of required assignments/activities

Class participation including Discussion Board = 100 points

Posting General Comments = 100 points

Mid-Term = 100 points

Casebook Assignment (3 X 100 points) = 300 points

Final Paper Outline = 50 points

Final Exam = 100 points

Final Paper = 150 points

**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.

**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.

**Tentative Schedule**

October 19 Introductions – posted on Discussion Board

Discuss course requirements

Guidelines for Casebook Assignments

Read Chapter 1 and 2 Milakovich and Gordon

Discussion Board Questions

October 26 Read Chapter 3 and 4 Milakovich and Gordon

Blackboard Assignment

Discussion Board and Video Review

**Case Assignment 1**

November 2 Read Chapter 5 and 6 Milakovich and Gordon

Discussion Board and Video Review

Mid-Term posted in Assignment section **(Due November 10, 2024)**

**Outline of the research paper due**

November 9 Read Chapter 7 and 8 Milakovich and Gordon

Discussion Board and Video Review

**Mid-Term Due**

November 16 Read Chapter 9 and 10 Milakovich and Gordon

Discussion Board and Video

**Case Assignment 2**

November 23 Read Chapter 11 and 12 Milakovich and Gordon

Discussion Board and Video Review

**Case Assignment 3**

November 30 Final Paper Due

Final Paper Upload into Blackboard

December 7  **Final Exam**

Papers should be uploaded in Blackboard