



## Online Course Syllabus

### Course Information

Course Title: Intergovernmental Relations

Course Number: PA 3110

Course Date: See Course Announcement

Course Meeting Time: Eastern Standard Time

Course Location: Online

Instructor: See Faculty Information

Course Description: This course aims to provide conceptual frameworks and empirical knowledge on intergovernmental relations. Students will learn about theoretical foundations as well as policy and administrative issues associated with inter-governmental relations. This course covers the historical background of American federalism, empirical cases in intergovernmental cooperation and conflicts, public policymaking and implementation in intergovernmental relations, fiscal relations between government bodies, multi-faceted challenges in intergovernmental relations, comparative framework, and future prospects of intergovernmental relations.

Pre-requisite/program: PA 2000 Introduction to Public Administration. Students without prerequisite(s) must withdraw from the class.

### Program Student Learning Outcomes:

Program Student Learning Outcome 1. A: General concept of public administration and bureaucracy

Program Student Learning Outcome 1. D: Understanding knowledge of policy analysis

Program Student Learning Outcome 1. F: Understanding how administrative responsibility, accountability, efficiency, diversity and teamwork within the context of government and nonprofit public service programs.

Program Student Learning Outcome 2. A: Analysis of managerial issues and policy recommendations

Program Student Learning Outcome 4. A: Effective Communication

### Course Student Learning Outcomes:

At the completion of the course students will demonstrate the ability to:

- Course Student Learning Outcome 1: Comprehend the historical background of American federalism (CSLO 1)

- Course Student Learning Outcome 2: Discuss the constitutional foundation and its design in regard to intergovernmental relations (CSLO 2)
- Course Student Learning Outcome 2: Examine intergovernmental and inter-organizational cooperation and conflicts in the public sector (CSLO 3)
- Course Student Learning Outcome 4: Describe how public policies are made and implemented in the public sector with a focus on intergovernmental relations (CSLO 4)
- Course Student Learning Outcome 5: Characterize the fiscal relationship between central and sub-central government bodies in terms of the value of efficiency and equity (CSLO 5)
- Course Student Learning Outcome 6: Review the current issues in intergovernmental relations and prospect of intergovernmental relations (CSLO 6)
- Course Student Learning Outcome 7: Identify complex and multi-faceted challenges in intergovernmental relations (CSLO 7)
- Course Student Learning Outcome 8: Compare intergovernmental relations with a global perspective (CSLO 8)

### **Instructional Methods**

Students who are enrolled in an online course will experience no in-person meeting requirements as all course content, reading/resources, class discussions, assessments, assignments, feedback and communications occur entirely online.

This online course is taught using in an eight-unit schedule and will use a standard of 1000 total points. Students will find common graded and non-graded learning activities present throughout the course. Each unit will include:

- Readings/Resources
- Lecture
- Discussions
- Assignments
- Content Assessments

### **Textbook Information:**

- Smith, K. B. & Greenblatt, A. (2017). *Governing states and localities*. Washington, D.C.: CQ Press. (ISBN: 978-1506360263)

<b>Unit #</b>	<b>Unit Topics and Learning Activities</b>
Unit 1	Unit 1: Intro to Local Government Lecture: Intro to Local Government Readings: Smith & Greenblatt, Ch. 1 Introduction to State and Local Government Resources: Introduction to State and Local Government (ppt), Unit 1 Notes Discussions: Understanding government at the state and local level (30 points)
Unit 2	Unit 2: Federalism Lecture: Federalism Readings: Smith & Greenblatt, Ch. 2. Federalism: The Power Plan Resources: Federalism (ppt), Unit 2 Notes Discussions: Advantages and disadvantages of federalism (30 points) Assignments: Intergovernmental Relations Virtual Tour Assignment – Part I: Topic Selection (50 points) Content Assessments: Unit 2 Content Assessment: Intro to Local Government & Federalism (30 points)

Unit #	Unit Topics and Learning Activities
Unit 3	Unit 3: Constitutions Lecture: Constitutions Readings: Smith & Greenblatt, Ch. 3. Constitutions: Operating Instructions Resources: Constitutions (ppt), Unit 3 Notes Discussions: Direct democracy (30 points) Assignments: Final Project: Part 1 of 4: Topic Selection and Case Introduction (150 points) <b>Content Assessments: Unit 3 Content assessment (20 points)</b>
Unit 4	Unit 4: Finance Lecture: Finance Readings: Smith & Greenblatt, Ch. 4. Finance Resources: Finance (ppt), Unit 4 Notes Discussions: Revenue Sources and Expenditures (30 points) Assignments: Intergovernmental Relations Virtual Tour Assignment – Part III: Analysis from an Intergovernmental Relations Perspective (100 points) Content Assessments: Unit 4 Content assessment: Constitution & Finance (20 points)
Unit 5	Unit 5: Legislatures Lecture: Legislatures Readings: Smith & Greenblatt, Ch. 7. Legislatures Resources: Legislatures (ppt), Unit 5 Notes Discussions: Professionalized State Legislatures (30 points) Assignments: Final Project-Part 2 of 4: Identification of Problem and Situation (200 points) <b>Content Assessments: Unit 5 Content assessment (20 points)</b>
Unit 6	Unit 6: Governors and Executives Lecture: Governors and Executives Readings: Smith & Greenblatt, Ch. 8. Governors and Executives Resources: Governors and Executives (ppt), Unit 6 Notes Discussions: Formal versus Informal Powers (30 points) <b>Assignments: Final Project- Policy Report – Part II: Identification of problem or situation analysis (100 points)</b> Content Assessments: Unit 6 Content Assessment: Governors/Executives (20 points)
Unit 7	Unit 7: Courts, Crime, and Punishment Lecture: Courts, Crime, and Punishment Readings: Smith & Greenblatt, Ch. 9. Courts: Turning Law Into Politics Smith & Greenblatt, Ch. 14. Crime and Punishment Resources: Court, Crime and Punishment (ppt), Unit 7 Notes Discussions: Forms of Alternative Justice (30 points) Assignments: Unit 7 AS1: Final Project-Part 3 of 4: Identification of Problem and Situation Analysis (150 points) Unit 7 AS2: Final Project-Part 4 of 4: Identification of Problem and Situation Analysis (75 points) <b>Content Assessments: Content Assessments: Unit 7 Content assessment (30 points)</b>
Unit 8	Unit 8: Local Government and Metropolitics Lecture: Local Government and Metropolitics Readings: Smith & Greenblatt, Ch. 11 Local Government Smith & Greenblatt, Ch. 12 Metropolitics Resources: Local Government & Metropolitics (ppt, Unit 8 Notes) Discussions: Governmental services in everyday life (30 points) Assignments: Final Project- Policy Report – Part III: Public policy and inter-governmental solutions (200 points)

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	Content Assessments: Unit 8 Content Assessment: Local Government and Metropolitics (20 points)