



ANGELO STATE UNIVERSITY
Practicum in Politics

POLS 4371

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Expected Learning Outcomes

Upon completion of this course the student will be able to:

1. Express a first-hand perspective of how public policy is formulated.
2. Describe the challenges and rewards of public service; and
3. Exhibit leadership skills tailored to a career in public service.

Methods for Assessing the Expected Learning Outcomes

The expected learning outcomes for this course will be assessed through:

1. Weekly journal entries emailed to mgritter@angelo.edu for the duration of the internship.
2. A final paper assignment.
3. Feedback from the office where the student has worked during the internship period.

Course Assignments/Grade Determination

Preparation:

Students will obtain an internship approved by the Department of Political Science and Philosophy.

Journal:

The intern will keep a journal during the course of their internship. The journal should be emailed to mgritter@angelo.edu weekly by Friday at 11:59pm for the duration of the internship. The journal should consist of a summary of activities from the week. Journals should be approximately 250 words. Journal entries can vary from week to week as far as content; however, a reasonable attempt should be made to provide more than a superficial description of weekly activities.

Office/Performance Evaluation:

Interns will be placed in an approved internship. The intern coordinator will be requested to communicate regularly with Angelo State University and provide feedback on the intern's performance. An intern's conduct both in and out of the office is reflective not only on the student, but Angelo State University and his or her office. Improper conduct may result in a failing grade in this course.

Final Assignment:

Each student will write a 5-7 page paper that 1) describes their experience and 2) connects their internship to their political science coursework. The paper will be due May 9, 2022.

Grade Calculation:

Journal (30%)

Evaluation (20%)

Paper (50%)

The last day to drop the course will be posted on Blackboard.

COURSE POLICIES:**GRADING SCALE**

A - 90% B - 80% C - 70% D - 60% F - Less than 60%

General Policies related to this course:

All students are required to follow the policies and procedures presented in these documents:

[Angelo State University Student Handbook](#)

[Angelo State University Catalog](#)

Student Disability Services:

ASU is committed to the principle that no qualified individual with a disability shall, on the basis of disability, be excluded from participation in or be denied the benefits of the services, programs or activities of the university, or be subjected to discrimination by the university, as provided by

the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (ADA), the Americans with Disabilities Act Amendments of 2008 (ADAAA) and subsequent legislation.

Student Disability Services is located in the Office of Student Affairs, and is the designated campus department charged with the responsibility of reviewing and authorizing requests for reasonable accommodations based on a disability. It is the student's responsibility to initiate such a request by contacting an employee of the Office of Student Affairs, in the Houston Harte University Center, Room 112, or contacting the department via email at ADA@angelo.edu. For more information about the application process and requirements, visit the Student Disability Services website at www.angelo.edu/ADA. The employee charged with the responsibility of reviewing and authorizing accommodation requests is: [Ms. Dallas Swafford](#)

Director of Student Disability Services 325-942-2047 dallas.swafford@angelo.edu [Houston Harte University Center](#) 112

Title IX

Angelo State University is committed to providing and strengthening an educational, working, and living environment where students, faculty, staff, and visitors are free from sex discrimination of any kind. In accordance with Title VII, Title IX, the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA), the Campus Sexual Violence Elimination Act (SaVE), and other federal and state laws, the University prohibits discrimination based on sex, which includes pregnancy, and other types of Sexual Misconduct. Sexual Misconduct is a broad term encompassing all forms of gender-based harassment or discrimination and unwelcome behavior of a sexual nature. The term includes sexual harassment, nonconsensual sexual contact, nonconsensual sexual intercourse, sexual assault, sexual exploitation, stalking, public indecency, interpersonal violence (domestic violence or dating violence), sexual violence, and any other misconduct based on sex.

You are encouraged to report any incidents involving sexual misconduct to the Office of Title IX Compliance and the Director of Title IX Compliance/Title IX Coordinator, Michelle Miller, J.D. You may submit reports in the following manner:

Online: www.angelo.edu/incident-form

Face to Face: Mayer Administration Building, Room 210

Phone: 325-942-2022

Email: michelle.miller@angelo.edu

Note, as a faculty member at Angelo State, I am a mandatory reporter and must report incidents involving sexual misconduct to the Title IX Coordinator. Should you wish to speak to someone in confidence about an issue, you may contact the University Counseling Center (325-942-2371), the 24-Hour Crisis Helpline (325-486-6345), or the University Health Clinic (325-942-2171).

For more information about resources related to sexual misconduct, Title IX, or Angelo State's policy please visit: www.angelo.edu/title-ix.

Religious Holidays:

A student who intends to observe a religious holy day should make that intention known in writing to the instructor prior to the absence. See ASU Operating Policy 10.19 Student Absence for [Observance of Religious Holy Day](#) for more information. It is policy that incomplete grades be reserved for student illness or personal misfortune. Please contact faculty if you have serious illness or a personal misfortune that would keep you from completing course work. Documentation may be required. See ASU Operating Policy 10.11 [Grading Procedures](#) for more information.

Student Conduct Policies:

Academic Integrity

Students are expected to maintain complete honesty and integrity in all work. Any student found guilty of any form of dishonesty in academic work is subject of disciplinary action and possible expulsion from ASU.

The College of Science and Engineering adheres to the Statement of [Academic Integrity](#)

Plagiarism

Plagiarism is a serious topic covered in ASU's [Academic Integrity policy](#) in the Student Handbook. Plagiarism is the action or practice of taking someone else's work, idea, etc., and passing it off as one's own. Plagiarism is literary theft.

In your discussions and/or your papers, it is unacceptable to copy word-for-word without quotation marks and the source of the quotation. It is expected that you will summarize or paraphrase ideas giving appropriate credit to the source both in the body of your paper and the reference list.

Papers are subject to be evaluated for originality via Turnitin. Resources to help you understand this policy better are available at the [ASU Writing Center](#).

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