

# SUL ROSS STATE UNIVERSITY

Syllabus

## Political Science 5311

Intergovernmental Relations

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Required Texts: American Intergovernmental Relations: A Fragmented Federal Polity (2007) by G. Ross Stephens and Nelson Wikstrom  
Forced Federalism: Contemporary Challenges to Indigenous Nationhood (2008) by Jeff Comtassel and Richard C. Witmer, II

Catalogue Description: A study of governmental relations among public administrators at various levels—national, state, and local—focusing on interactions among these public officials.

Program Learning Outcomes: The graduating student will:

- Demonstrate the ability to critique significant theoretical approaches of public administration.
- Demonstrate the ability to evaluate domestic and international administrative processes.
- Demonstrate the ability to apply appropriate statistical tools for quantitative analysis.

Course Outcomes and Objectives: In an earlier era, this course would have been entitled federalism—a study of the constitutional relationship between the national and state governments. The relationship between the states and the cities would have received some attention, perhaps, but the relationship between the local governments and the nation would have largely been unrecognized because the local governments were considered manifestations of the states and they, in theory, dealt with the national government only indirectly through the state. In today's world—and really since the Great Depression—local governments have had a more direct relationship with the national government. The concept of Intergovernmental Relations incorporates that reality and leads the student to look at all the permutations of governmental relationships that might exist: nation-state, state-local, nation-local, state-state, local-local. I want to muddy the waters even further and throw in two additional governments into the mix: Native American reservations and U. S. territories. Largely neglected, I want us to consider these two governmental forms in the intergovernmental equation as well.

- a. The student will be able to identify relevant concepts and terminology (to be assessed by concept clarification assignments);

- b. The student will be able to identify prominent scholars in the student of intergovernmental relations (to be assessed by presentation of assigned articles);
- c. The student will analyze the dynamics of intergovernmental conflict (to be assessed by case study analysis);
- d. The student will be able to conduct original research associated with the study of intergovernmental relations (to be assessed by research paper ).

Methods of Instruction: Guided study over assigned readings, case study analysis, student presentations of assigned articles, and student research project.

Methods of Evaluation: The student will be evaluated based upon the quality of the student's work on the following: written analyses of three case studies; written analyses and reviews of the Stephen's and Wilkstrom text; written analyses and reviews of the Cornstassel and Witmer text; a three-page, single-spaced summary of an assigned article over Native American intergovernmental politics; a three-page, single-spaced monograph over an assigned U. S. territory to be presented to the class; and a fifteen-page research paper over an aspect of intergovernmental relations and the presentation of the research.

Caveat: I finally am getting enough experience with web courses to know what I expect. Here's what it distills to. In order to get an "A" in the course, the student must (1) submit all assignments; (2) when submitting the study guides for chapters, articles, and case studies, answer the questions on the template, (3) have the student's name on the assignments, and (4) have no open sources such as Wikipedia or other open sources used for references. Let me explain. I want my instructions and the questions themselves on the same paper as the answers so you will have the instructions before you to remind you of what I am asking. If I ask for complete sentences (a reasonable request of graduate students), I want you to have that request before you. Also, in web courses, I want your name on the assignment because it claims authorship. For me it claims that the work is your work. And the prohibition of wiki sources in scholarly work is a standard of the academy—and we all love Wikipedia. When these necessary conditions are met, then if the quality of work is "A" level, then the grade for the course will be an "A." Thank you.

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complaint are included in the student handbook. Students enrolled in distance education courses at Sul Ross are expected to adhere to all policies pertaining to academic honesty and appropriate student conduct, as described in the student handbook. Students in web-based courses must maintain appropriate equipment and software, according to the needs and requirements of the course, as outlined on the SRSU website

## COURSE OUTLINE

### Unit I:

The Colonial Canon: The Mayflower Compact, The Articles of the New England Confederation, William Penn's Plan of Union, The Albany Plan of Union, Joseph Galloway's Plan of Union, The Articles of Confederation.

Case Study-Recount.

Guided Study of American Intergovernmental Relations: A Fragmented Federal Polity, Chapters 1-5

### Unit II:

Case Study-Thirteen Days (The Cuban Missile Crisis)

Guided Study of American Intergovernmental Relations: A Fragmented Federal Polity, Chapters 6-10

### Unit III:

Case Study of Rio Grande Pueblo Polities-Surviving Columbus

Native American Tribal Governments in Intergovernmental Relations:

Readings:

Forced Federalism: Contemporary Challenges to Indigenous Nationhood by Jeff Comtassel and Richard Witmer II

"Philosophy of an Indian War: Indian Community Action in the Johnson Administration's War on Indian Poverty" by Daniel M. Cobb in American Indian Culture and Research Journal, v. 22, no 2 (1998), pp. 71-102. Note: Article can be accessed on-line.

"Reforming American Indian/Alaska Native Health Care Financing: The Role of Medicaid" by Andy Schneider in American Journal of Public Health, v. 95, no 5 (May 2005), pp. 766-768. Note: Article can be accessed on-line.

"Legitimizing American Indian Sovereignty: Mobilizing the Constitutive Power of Law Through Institutional Entrepreneurship" by Erich W. Steinman in Law and Society Review, v. 39, no 4 (December 2005), pp. 759-81. In library and on-line.

"Tribal-State Relations Involving Land and Resources in the Self-Determination Era" by Liliias Jones Jarding in Political Research Quarterly, v. 57, no 2 (June 2004), pp. 295-303. In library and on-line.

"State Governors and American Indian Casino Gaming: Defining State-Tribal Relationships" by Don F. Hadwiger in Spectrum, v. 69 (Fall 1996), pp. 16-25. In Library.

"Native American Control of Tribal Natural Resource Development in the Context of the Federal Trust and Tribal Self-Determination" in Boston College Environmental Affairs Law Review, v. 16 (Summer 1989), pp. 857-95. In library.

"Indigenous North American Jurisprudence" by Pat Lauderdale in International Journal of Comparative Sociology, v. 38 (June 1997), pp. 131-148. In Library.

"Local Governments, Tribal Governments, and Service Delivery: A Unique Approach to Negotiated Problem Solving" by Doug Goodman, Daniel McCool, and F. Ted Herbert in American Indian Culture and Research Journal, V. 29, no 2 (2005), pp. 15-33. On-line.

"Jim Crow, Indian Style" by Orlan J. Svingen in The American Indian: Past and Present (4<sup>th</sup> edition), Roger L. Nichols (ed), (McGraw-Hill Publishers, New York, 1992) p. 268.

"American Indian Policy" by Joyotpaul Chaudhuri in The American Indian: Past and Present (4<sup>th</sup> edition), Roger L. Nichols (ed), (McGraw-Hill Publishers, New York, 1992) p. 15.

"Indians and the First Amendment" by John Petoskey in American Indian Policy of the Twentieth Century, Vine Deloria (ed), (University of Oklahoma Press: Norman, 1992) p. 221.

"Indian Gaming: Financial and Regulatory Issues" by Gary C. Anders in Contemporary Native American Issues, Troy R. Johnson (ed), (Alta Mira Perss: Walnut Creek, California, 1999) p. 163.

#### United States Territories in Intergovernmental Relations

"The Ambiguous Status of the Insular U. S. Territories" by Joseph E. Fallon in The Journal of Social, Political, and Economic Studies, v. 23, no 2 (Summer 1998), pp. 189-208. Link provided.

"The Basis of Puerto Rico's Constitutional Status: Colony, Compact, or Federacy?" by David Rezvani in Political Science Quarterly, v. 122, no 1 (Spring 2007), pp. 115-140. Link provided.

Also, each student will visit the web-site listed on Blackboard and will write a three-page, single spaced monograph over one of the insular territories or over one of the associated states:

Territories:

American Samoa

Guam

Midway Islands

Northern Mariana Islands

Puerto Rico

United States Virgin Island

Associated States:

Federated States of Micronesia

Republic of Palau

Republic of the Marshall Islands

Unit IV: Student research findings.