# Course Information

Date Submitted: 3/3/2016

Current Prefix and Number: PA - Public Administration, PA 631 PUBLIC FINANCIAL MGMT

Other Course:

Proposed Prefix and Number: PA 631

What type of change is being proposed?

Major - Add Distance Learning

Should this course be a UK Core Course? No

## 1. General Information

a. Submitted by the College of: GRADUATE SCHOOL

b. Department/Division: Martin School of Public Administration

c. Is there a change in 'ownership' of the course? No

If YES, what college/department will offer the course instead: Select...

e. Contact Person

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Responsible Faculty ID (if different from Contact)

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f. Requested Effective Date

Semester Following Approval: Yes OR Effective Semester:

# 2. Designation and Description of Proposed Course

a. Current Distance Learning (DL) Status: Please Add

b. Full Title: PUBLIC FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

Proposed Title: Public Financial Management

c. Current Transcript Title: PUBLIC FINANCIAL MGMT

Proposed Transcript Title:

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# **Current Course Report**

d. Current Cross-listing: none

Proposed - ADD Cross-listing:

Proposed - REMOVE Cross-listing:

e. Current Meeting Patterns

Proposed Meeting Patterns

LECTURE: 42

f. Current Grading System: Graduate School Grade Scale

Proposed Grading System: Graduate School Grade Scale

g. Current number of credit hours: 3

Proposed number of credit hours: 3

h. Currently, is this course repeatable for additional credit? No

Proposed to be repeatable for additional credit? No

If Yes: Maximum number of credit hours:

If Yes: Will this course allow multiple registrations during the same semester? No

2i. Current Course Description for Bulletin: An analysis of budget structure and process; revenue structure and administration; and public capital acquisition and debt management. This course emphasizes an applied focus and comparative analysis of alternative budget, revenue, and debt management structures and strategies.

Proposed Course Description for Bulletin: An analysis of budget structure and process; revenue structure and administration; and public capital acquisition and debt management. This course emphasizes an applied focus and comparative analysis of alternative budget, revenue, and debt management structures and strategies.

2j. Current Prerequisites, if any: Prereq: PUAD or PUAM program status or consent of instructor.

Proposed Prerequisites, if any:

2k. Current Supplementary Teaching Component:

**Proposed Supplementary Teaching Component:** 

3. Currently, is this course taught off campus? No

Proposed to be taught off campus? No

If YES, enter the off campus address:

4. Are significant changes in content/student learning outcomes of the course being proposed? No

If YES, explain and offer brief rational:

5a. Are there other depts. and/or pgms that could be affected by the proposed change? No

If YES, identify the depts. and/or pgms:

5b. Will modifying this course result in a new requirement of ANY program? No



# **Current Course Report**

If YES, list the program(s) here:

6. Check box if changed to 400G or 500: No

# **Distance Learning Form**

Instructor Name: TBD

Instructor Email: TBD

Internet/Web-based: Yes

Interactive Video: No

Hybrid: No

1.How does this course provide for timely and appropriate interaction between students and faculty and among students? Does the course syllabus conform to University Senate Syllabus Guidelines, specifically the Distance Learning Considerations? The course will be taught online with pre-recorded lectures, online exercises and exams. The instructor will offer regular office hours for online chat, or telephone contact if needed, as well as open email access. The syllabus will conform to the University Senate Guidelines

- 2.How do you ensure that the experience for a DL student is comparable to that of a classroom-based student's experience? Aspects to explore: textbooks, course goals, assessment of student learning outcomes, etc. The course plan is very similar to the in-class experience, which consists mainly of lecture presentations, online homework and inclass exams. The student will work with the textbook in essentially the same way as the in-class student.
- 3.How is the integrity of student work ensured? Please speak to aspects such as password-protected course portals, proctors for exams at interactive video sites; academic offense policy; etc. The course will be offered through Blackboard or other similar online classroom management software, ensuring that each student has individual protected access to the course materials. Online assignments are open book and exams will be individually unique, time-limited and one-time access.
- 4.Will offering this course via DL result in at least 25% or at least 50% (based on total credit hours required for completion) of a degree program being offered via any form of DL, as defined above? Yes

If yes, which percentage, and which program(s)? 100% of this program's (Master of Public Financial Management) courses will be offered through DL.

5.How are students taking the course via DL assured of equivalent access to student services, similar to that of a student taking the class in a traditional classroom setting? As registered students at UK, they will have access to the full range of student services as outlined on the UK Student Affairs website (http://www.uky.edu/StudentAffairs/\_) Students will also be provided an electronic copy of the attached "UK Student Academic Services" document.



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6.How do course requirements ensure that students make appropriate use of learning resources? Successful completion of course requirements will require that students make appropriate use of the textbook and required internet sites, and access to library resources are available on the library website for DL (http://www.uky.edu/Libraries/lib.php?lib\_id=16) Successful completion of course requirements will require that students make appropriate use of the textbook and required internet sites, and access to library resources are available on the library website for DL (http://www.uky.edu/Libraries/lib.php?lib\_id=16) Successful completion of course requirements will require that students make appropriate use of the textbook and required internet sites, and access to library resources are available on the library website for DL (http://www.uky.edu/Libraries/lib.php?lib\_id=16)

- 7.Please explain specifically how access is provided to laboratories, facilities, and equipment appropriate to the course or program. This course will not require physical access to any particular facility or equipment.
- 8.How are students informed of procedures for resolving technical complaints? Does the syllabus list the entities available to offer technical help with the delivery and/or receipt of the course, such as the Information Technology Customer Service Center (http://www.uky.edu/UKIT/)? This information will be provided on the syllabus. Yes.
- 9. Will the course be delivered via services available through the Distance Learning Program (DLP) and the Academic Technology Group (ATL)? YES ,

If no, explain how student enrolled in DL courses are able to use the technology employed, as well as how students will be provided with assistance in using said technology.

- 10.Does the syllabus contain all the required components? YES
- 11.I, the instructor of record, have read and understood all of the university-level statements regarding DL.

Instructor Name: TBD

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SIGNATURE|JACKSON|Brian A Jackson|PA 631 CHANGE College Review|20160316

SIGNATURE|ZNNIKO0|Roshan N Nikou|PA 631 CHANGE Graduate Council Review|20160415

Public Financial Managemen

none

Proposed Title: \*

Currently<sup>3</sup> Cross-listed with (Prefix & Number);

PUBLIC FINANCIAL MGMT

#### Course Change Form

https://myuk.uky.edu/sap/bc/soap/rfc?services= Generate R Open in full window to print or save Attachments: Browse... Upload File ID Attachment Delete 6636 PA 631 Public Financial Management CANVAS.docx First 1 Last NOTE: Start form entry by choosing the Current Prefix and Number (\*denotes required fields) Proposed Prefix & Number; PA - Public Administration Current Prefix and PA 631 PUBLIC FINANCIAL MGMT (example: PHY 401G) PA 631 Number: Check if same as current Major Change Major – Add Distance Learning Minor - change in number within the same hundred series, exception the same "hundred series" Minor - editorial change in course title or description which does not f What type of change is being proposed?  $\square$  Minor - a change in prerequisite(s) which does not imply a change in content or emphasis, or which is made necessary by the elimination or s alteration of the prerequisite(s) Minor - a cross listing of a course as described above Should this course be a UK Core Course? () Yes ( No If YES, check the areas that apply: ☐ Inquiry - Arts & Creativity Composition & Communications - II Inquiry - Humanities Quantitative Foundations ☐ Inquiry - Nat/Math/Phys Sci Statistical Inferential Reasoning Inquiry - Social Sciences U.S. Citizenship, Community, Diversity Composition & Communications - I Global Dynamics General Information GRADUATE SCHOOL Submitted by the College of: Submission Date: 3/3/2016 Martin School of Public Administration Is there a change in "ownership" of the course? If YES, what college/department will offer the course instead? Select.. Jackie McCuddy Email: jackie.mccuddy@uky.eduPhone: 7-5594 \* Contact Person Name: Responsible Faculty ID (if different from Contact) Merl Hackbart Email: m.hackbart@uky.edu Phone: 7-1627 Semester Following Approval Specific Term: 2 Requested Effective Date: Designation and Description of Proposed Course. Already approved for DL\* Current Distance Learning(DL) Status: Please Add O Please Drop \*If already approved for DL, the Distance Learning Form must also be submitted unless the department affirms (by checking this box ) tha proposed changes do not affect DL delivery.

PUBLIC FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

N/A

Current Transcript Title (if full title is more than 40 characters):

Proposed Transcript Title (if full title is more than 40 characters):

Proposed – ADD Cross-listing (Prefix & Number);

Current Cross-listing:

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>211</sup>See comment description regarding minor course change. *Minor changes are sent directly from dean's office to Senate Council Chair.* If Chair deems the change as "n form will be sent to appropriate academic Council for normal processing and contact person is informed.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>ΔΔ</sup>Courses are typically made effective for the semester following approval. No course will be made effective until all approvals are received.

 $<sup>^{\</sup>hbox{\tiny L3}}$  Signature of the chair of the cross-listing department is required on the Signature Routing Log.

 $<sup>^{{\</sup>underline{\tiny M}}}$  Removing a cross-listing does not drop the other course – it merely unlinks the two courses.

iii Generally, undergrad courses are developed such that one semester hr of credit represents 1 hr of classroom meeting per wk for a semester, exclusive of any lab me meeting generally represents at least two hrs per wk for a semester for 1 credit hour. (See SR 5,2.1.)

<sup>(</sup>A) You must also submit the Distance Learning Form in order for the course to be considered for DL delivery.

 $<sup>^{{\</sup>tiny \mbox{\footnotesize DI}}}$  In order to change a program, a program change form must also be submitted.

#### PA 631 Public Financial Management

#### Instructor Information:

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## Required Text

Marlowe, Justin, Rivenbark, William and Vogt, John A., <u>Capital Budgeting and Finance: A Guide for Local Governments</u>, Washington D.C.: ICMA, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2009.

Mikesell, John L., <u>Fiscal Administration: Analysis and Applications for the Public Sector</u>, Boston, MA.: Wadsworth Cengage Learning 9<sup>th</sup> ed. 2014.

#### Recommended as Supplements:

Bland, Robert L., <u>Budgeting: A Budgeting Guide for Local Governments</u>, 2<sup>nd</sup>. Ed., ICMA, 2007.

Coe, Charles K., <u>Governmental and Nonprofit Financial Management</u>, Vienna, VA: Management Concepts, 2007 Forsythe, Dall W., and Boyd, Donald J., <u>Memos to the Governor: An Introduction to State</u> Budgeting, Georgetown University Press, 3<sup>rd</sup>. Ed., 2012.

Joyce, Philip G., <u>The Congressional Budget Office: Honest Numbers, Power, and Policymaking</u>, Georgetown University Press, 2011.

Lee, Robert D., Johnson, Ronald W., and Joyce, <u>Public Budgeting Systems</u>, Jones & Bartlett Learning, 9<sup>th</sup> Ed., 2013.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY READINGS:

Available at course site.

#### **Course Prerequisites:**

Course Description: This class is designed to provide students with a conceptual and operational understanding of theories, policies, and processes associated with public budgeting and debt management systems.

Learning Objectives: Upon successful completion of this course, students will be able to:

- Understand the process, structures, and underlying logic of financial administration in the public sector including budgeting and debt management including securities, working with bond counsel, etc.
- Have knowledge of basic principles in that relate to public budgeting and the budgetary process.
- Identify differences in revenue processes, revenue sources, revenue forecasting, and budgetary challenges that exist between different levels of government.
- Identify and understand the politics associated with public budgeting at each stage in the process, among
  participants, and at various levels of government.
- Understand stabilization policy, financing the budget and budget deficits
- Understand the budget cycle, management and organization of budget processes

Budget as an instrument of managerial performance and monitoring and evaluation of budget performance
 ASSIGNMENTS

#### **EXAMS**

Two equally weighted exams will be given during the class. Students will be advised of the nature of the exams in advance of the examination period.

#### OTHER REQUIREMENTS

Two class projects will be assigned. Project nature and scope will be discussed in class.

Readings & Online Lectures: See Course Outline

### Participation in Discussion Board & Discussion Journal:

#### Scale for Discussion Boards:

- 4 Exceptional thoughtful post(s) and responses across multiple days
- 3 Professional thoughtful post(s) and responses on single day
- 2 Marginal minimal post(s) and responses across multiple days
- 1 Unacceptable/Inappropriate minimal post(s) and responses on single day
- 0 No participation

#### **Canvas Assignment Submission Guidelines**

Students are encouraged to become familiar with Canvas and its functions as well as Distance Learning support offered by the University. Information about student support is available at http://www.uky.edu/DistanceLearning/. When posting assignments or communicating with the professor, all files must be saved as a .pdf, or .doc, or .docx unless specifically noted by the professor. Any other format will not be accepted and considered as missing unless corrected before the deadline. Other specifics regarding technology needs, etc. to participate via online courses, are available at the link above. It is the students' responsibility to assure that they are familiar with the system. Questions about technology issues should be directed to Distance Learning support and not to the professor.

All students with active directory accounts will be automatically enrolled in the Canvas system. Canvas at <a href="http://elearning.uky.edu/">http://elearning.uky.edu/</a> is a web-based system that allows you to correspond with faculty, get class handouts, and check your grades. I will also use this system to communicate with you regarding announcements and course assignments. You should activate your account immediately if you have not already done so! If your UK email account is not your primary email address, you can have your mail forwarded automatically to your primary account. All students should check their e-mail at least once a week throughout the term. This is your responsibility! Canvas can be accessed through any Internet service or the various computer labs on campus. Please inform your instructor if you have trouble getting onto the Canvas system.

### **Assignment Submissions**

This course "clock" is set for Eastern Time. Depending on the student's location, students will need to adjust submission to assure that all deadlines are met using Eastern Time. All assignments must be posted to the classroom Canvas Shell by 7:00 pm on Friday of the assigned week. This includes all assignments, oral communication, presentations, assignments, as well as self and peer critiques and class discussion postings if applicable. No late assignments will be accepted without prior approval of the instructor and an excused absence as described in this syllabus. Failure complete and submit any of the major assignments (exams or papers) will result in an automatic "E" for the course which may lead to dismissal from the program (see Grading Policy elsewhere in this syllabus). Graded assignments will be returned to you within one week of submission unless otherwise noted by the instructor.

## **GRADING CRITERIA**

There are no optional assignments. Your grade in this course is a function of the following:

	Points
Unit Tests	
• Exam 1	40
• Exam 2	40
Projects	
Project #1	10
Project #2	10
Other assignments	
TOTAL	100

**SAMPLE** Final letter grades will be assigned based on the following point distribution:

 Grade
 Point Range

 A
 90-100

 B
 80-89.9

 C
 70-79.9

E Below 70

# **TENTATIVE WEEKLY SCHEDULE**

WK	TOPIC	READINGS	ASSIGNMENT
1	<ul> <li>Intro to Public Budgeting</li> <li>Principles of Public Finance</li> <li>Economic &amp; Fiscal Policy</li> <li>Economic Linkages &amp; Economic Cycles</li> </ul>	Mikesell, Ch. 1 Livingston, Ch. 3 V.O. Key, 1940 Conant 2010 Brecher1994	
2	<ul> <li>Budget Cycles and Processes</li> <li>Revenue Forecasting</li> <li>Budgeting: Budget Processes</li> </ul>	Bland, Ch. 1 Lauth, 2014 Mikesell Ch 2,3, 13	
3	<ul> <li>Understanding the Federal Budget</li> <li>Budget Processes Continued</li> </ul>	Joyce, 2005 Rubin, 2009 McCaffrey, 1999 Palmer and Penner, 2010 Collender, 1997 Mikesell, Ch. 4 & 5	Project 1 DUE
4	Revenue Forecasting	Mikesell, Ch. 13 White, 2000 Willoughby 2004 Rubin and Willoughby 2009	EXAM 1

5	<ul> <li>Budget Approval and Execution</li> <li>Capital Budgeting</li> <li>Debt Options</li> </ul>	Mikesell Ch 5, 6,7 Hackbart and Ramsey, 1990 McCaffrey and Mutty, 1999 Bland Ch 7 Marlow, Ch 1-7 Hildreth and Zorn	
6	<ul> <li>Rating Agencies</li> <li>Municipal Bonds and Markets</li> <li>Bond Categories</li> <li>Planning and Structuring Debt</li> </ul>	Marlow 7,8,9 Walker and Krueger, 2009	
7	<ul> <li>Bond Legal and Accounting Issues</li> <li>Debt Management and Debt Capacity</li> <li>Budgeting and Debt Policy</li> </ul>	Levitt, 1995 Mikesell, Ch 15 Hackbart and Ramsey, 1993 Simonson, 2001 Denison, 2006 Benson and Marks, 2007	Project #2 DUE
8	Intergovernmental Fiscal Relations	Mikesell, Ch 14	EXAM 1

### **COURSE TECHNOLOGY REQUIREMENTS**

Minimum Technology Requirements: Complete the following steps to make sure your computer is correctly configured and the necessary software is installed.

- 1. Go to this site provided by Distance Learning to check the minimum hardware, software, and browser requirements: <a href="http://www.uky.edu/ukit/hardwareguide">http://www.uky.edu/ukit/hardwareguide</a>
- 2. Distance learning recommends having access to multiple browsers for quick troubleshooting.
- 3. Students will need Flash, Adobe Acrobat Reader and QuickTime movie player, Java. Go to <a href="http://www.uky.edu/DistanceLearning/current/technology/techRegs.html">http://www.uky.edu/DistanceLearning/current/technology/techRegs.html</a> for current links.
- 4. Students will need to use Microsoft Word for all written work and Microsoft PowerPoint for presentational where applicable.

**Getting Help:** Anticipate the types of technology and access you will need prior to class sessions and assignment due dates. Do not hesitate to contact the UKIT Service Help Desk or Distance Learning Office. Inform your instructor when you are having technical difficulties.

#### **Important Contact Information:**

Help Desk: 859-218-HELP (4357)

Distance Learning Programs Office: 859-257-3377 <a href="http://www.uky.edu/ukonline/">http://www.uky.edu/ukonline/</a>

Distance Learning Services, DL Librarian: 859-257-0500, ext. 2171; or 800-828-0439 (option#6); dllservice@email.uky.edu

**Procedure for Resolving Technical Complaints:** If you experience technical difficulties, contact the Customer Service Center at 859-218-HELP or by email at <a href="https://example.com/helpdesk@uky.edu">helpdesk@uky.edu</a>. Inform your instructor when you are having technical difficulties.

**Time Zone:** This course is taught in the <u>Eastern Time Zone</u>. All times listed in this syllabus are ET. If you live outside the ET, you need to account for the time change when turning in assignments.

#### VIRTUAL CLASS POLICIES

Academic Integrity: The Martin School of Public Policy and Administration and its faculty are strong proponents of academic integrity. Students are expected to have full knowledge of the institutional Integrity Policy of the University. For information on these policies please refer to The Martin School Student Handbook or <a href="http://www.uky.edu/Ombud/ForStudents">http://www.uky.edu/Ombud/ForStudents</a> AcademicIntegrity.php.

See Part II of Student Rights and Responsibilities, which is available online to learn more about academic integrity at the University of Kentucky available at <a href="http://www.uky.edu/StudentAffairs/Code/part2.html">http://www.uky.edu/StudentAffairs/Code/part2.html</a>).

Similarly, the definition of plagiarism is "an act or instance of using or closely imitating the language and thoughts of another author without authorization and the representation of that author's work as one's own, as by not crediting the original author". Plagiarism, i.e. using people's ideas, thoughts, or works will not be tolerated. Students who violate university standards for academic integrity will be subject to a sanction at the instructor's discretion within institutional policy.

Plagiarism and cheating are serious breaches of academic conduct. Students are expected to adhere to University policy on cheating and plagiarism in all courses. The minimum penalty for a first offense is a zero on the assignment on which the offense occurred. If the offense is considered severe or the student has other academic offenses on their record, more serious penalties, up to suspension from the university may be imposed. The University regulations pertaining to this matter can be found at <a href="http://www.uky.edu/StudentAffairs/Code/">http://www.uky.edu/StudentAffairs/Code/</a>. Part II, Selected Rules of the University Senate Governing Academic Relationships Section 6.3 found at <a href="http://www.uky.edu/StudentAffairs/Code/part2.html">http://www.uky.edu/StudentAffairs/Code/part2.html</a> outlines University policy with respect to these to serious offenses.

Each student is advised to become familiar with the various forms of academic dishonesty as explained in the Code of Student Rights and Responsibilities. Complete information can be found at the following website: <a href="http://www.uky.edu/Ombud.">http://www.uky.edu/Ombud.</a> It is important that students review this information as all ideas borrowed from others need to be property credited.

The University and the Martin School expects students to know about these policies and all requirements governing the use of another's work or materials and for acknowledging and documenting the source appropriately. A plea of ignorance is not acceptable as a defense against the charge of academic dishonesty and is not an excuse and will not be accepted under any circumstances. The Martin School and its faculty reserve the right to submit student work product to an electronic database or use other means use to check for plagiarism.

# Resources for understanding and avoiding Plagiarism

- "Plagiarism: What is It and How to Recognize and Avoid It," The Writing Center at Indiana University, <a href="http://www.indiana.edu/~wts/wts/plagiarism.html">http://www.indiana.edu/~wts/wts/plagiarism.html</a>.
- "Principles Regarding Academic Integrity," Northwestern University, http://www.northwestern.edu/uacc/plagiar.html.
- "Sources," Dartmouth College, <a href="http://www.dartmouth.edu/~sources/contents.html">http://www.aug.edu/sociology/plagiarism.html</a>.

**Appointments and Office Hours**: Online classes provide opportunity to interact with professors by email and other means. Office hours will be at the times listed above and by appointment and will be held via Skype.

Attendance and Participation: As an accelerated 8-week graduate level course, students are expected to budget time appropriately and manage course assignments within the class schedule. Students without good time management skills and self-motivation are very likely to fall behind quickly. Budgeting time for course assignments as if attending a regular class will give students the best option for success. Delaying assignments and procrastination will not lead to a successful outcome. Weekly assignments require students to submit work on time and students are expected to check the course website on a regular basis for messages, updates on assignments, and other

communications from the professor. Due to the fast past schedule, complete assignments must be submitted on time according to the course schedule. Late assignments will not be accepted.

Late/Make-up Work: Students will receive ZERO points for assignments handed in after the scheduled due date, unless prior arrangements have been made with the professor. (see Excused Absence). Students' request to change dates and exam times around work schedules, personal matters, other coursework, and/or other exams in other classes will not be accommodated. Remember, assignments may always be turned in early. Students enrolled in this course are expected to meet all assignment dates unless otherwise approved. (see Excused Absence). Exams are to be taken at the scheduled exam time unless <u>prior</u> permission is given by the instructor.

**Excused Absence:** Given this is an online course, traditional "attendance" will not be taken. The Martin School understands that sometimes issues surface that prevent students from completing assignments. If students are unable to meet an assignment or other required course deadline, students may submit request for excused absence and will be considered within the University definition found in UK Student Code 5.2.4.2. Students are expected to notify the professor within one week of missing the assignment and if approved for excused absence, students will be given opportunity to submit the work with the permission and within a timeline set by the professor. Students will not be penalized for excused absences. Exams are to be taken at the scheduled exam time unless <u>prior</u> permission is given by the instructor. Professor's office phone is available for emergency contact or by email to request an excused absence. University policies related to these issues can be found online at

# http://www.uky.edu/StudentAffairs/Code/part2.html

Academic Standards: 5.2.4

Attendance and Completion of Assignments: 5.2.4.1

Excused absences: 5.3.4.2

S.R.5.2.4.2 defines the following as acceptable reasons for excused absences: (a) serious illness, (b) illness or death of family member, (c)University-related trips(d)major religious holidays, and (e) other circumstances found to fit "reasonable cause for non attendance" by the professor.

Students anticipating an absence for a major religious holiday are responsible for notifying the instructor in writing of anticipated absences due to their observance of such holidays. Information regarding dates of major religious holidays may be obtained through the religious liaison, Mr. Jake Karnes (859-257-2754).

**Verification of Absences:** Students may be asked to verify their absences in order for them to be considered excused. Senate Rule 5.2.4.2 states that faculty have the right to request "appropriate verification" when students claim an excused absence because of illness or death in the family. Appropriate notification of absences due to university-related trips is required prior to the absence.

The Martin School wants to build an online class climate that is comfortable for all. It is especially important that we display respect for all members of the class – including the instructor and students, and avoid unacceptable language such as racist, sexist, homophobic, or other negative statements. Not all unacceptable behavior can be listed and this is not an exhaustive list of behaviors. These are provided as examples and set a standard for expected behavior while participating in this class.

E-mails and Communications: Email will be a primary way of communicating with the professor. Students must monitor and manage their email storage quota and clear all spam filter restrictions to insure emails are received. Students are expected to check their email daily to remain current with University and class related communications. All electronic communication will be treated as would a face-to-face interaction and thus students are expected to present electronic communications in a professional way. Messages should be succinct, without spelling errors, slang, and short-cut, slang language. Emails will be returned within 48 hours during the week. Weekend communications will not be returned until the beginning of the workweek. In addition to communication with the professor, any communication with fellow students should be professional in nature.

#### Accommodations due to disability:

If you have a documented disability that requires academic accommodations, please see me as soon as possible during scheduled office hours. In order to receive accommodations in this course, you must provide me with a Letter of Accommodation from the Disability Resource Center (DRC). The DRC coordinates campus disability services available to students with disabilities. It is located on the corner of Rose Street and Huguelet Drive in the Multidisciplinary Science Building, Suite 407. You can reach them via phone at (859) 257-2754 and via email at <a href="mailto:drc@ukv.edu">drc@ukv.edu</a>. Their web address is <a href="http://www.uky.edu/StudentAffairs/DisabilityResourceCenter/">http://www.uky.edu/StudentAffairs/DisabilityResourceCenter/</a>.

## **Grading Policy:**

The Martin School of Public Policy and Administration Student Handbook states that a student may be dismissed from the program for any one of the following reasons:

- 1. Receiving a grade of "C" for any 9 credit hours or three classes.
- 2. Receiving a grade of "E" for any 3 credit hours.
- 3. Twice failing the Final Examination.