

## Departmental Course Syllabus

**Business Department** \* Academic Instruction Center Suite 325    **Revision:** Spring 2009  
**San Antonio College** \* 1300 San Pedro Avenue \* San Antonio, TX 78212-4299

**Course Number and Title:** PBAD 2335 – Ethics in the Public Sector

**Credit Hours:** 3

**Instructor:** Varies

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**Office Hours:** To be posted by the individual instructor.

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**I. Catalog Description:**

This course examines reconciling the practice of public administration with provisions of law. Topics include codes of conduct, financial disclosure, conflict of interest, nepotism and ethical problems.

**II. Pre-requisites, co-requisites and other requirements:**

NONE

**III. Text and/or Other Requirements:**

*NONE*

**IV. Method of Presentation:**

Lectures, class discussions, outside readings internet research, guest speakers, small group activities and/or individual assignments.

**V. Course Content:**

This course is a comprehensive study of ethical issues in the public sector and the application of appropriate ethical behavior and theories as well as principles in the United States.

**VI. Learning Outcomes:**

**Learning Outcome 1:** The student will be able to explain and apply principles in ethical issues and behavior in the public sector.

Performance Objectives/Methods of Measurement for this outcome:

The student will be able to:

1. Identify the principles and theories of ethical behavior of the federal, state, and local governments, as well as non-profit agencies by taking written exam.
2. Explain the role and function of ethical issues and behavior in the public sector through case study analysis.

3. Describe the steps to ethical and unethical behavior of public policy and tools of implementation through written exercises and in class group activities.

**Learning Outcome 2:** The student will be able to identify the appropriate ethical functions in the public sector.

Performance Objectives/Methods of Measurement for this outcome:

The student will be able to:

1. Explain the functions of the ethical administrative process at the federal, state, and local levels of governments, as well as non-profit agencies by taking written exam.
2. Identify the role and consequences of unethical behavior and appropriate ethical functions of the public administrator in the public sector through case study analysis.
3. Describe the impact of ethical and unethical public policy decisions through written exams and/or oral presentations.

#### SCANS

The following scans will be taught: organizes and maintains information (C6), participates as a member of a team (C9), reading (F1), writing (F2), listening (F5), decision making (F8), problem solving (F9), reasoning (F12), integrity/honesty (F17).

## **VII: Course requirements and grade computation:**

### A. College Requirements:

1. A written comprehensive final examination, not to exceed three hours in length, shall be given at the end of each semester for each course at the regularly scheduled time. Any exceptions to these requirements must be approved by the appropriate dean. Other examinations are given at the discretion of the instructor.

A student who must be absent from a final examination should petition that instructor for permission to post pone the examination. A student absent without permission from a final examination is graded "F". Postponed examination result in a grade of "I". The final exam must be taken within 120 calendar days from the end of the semester or the grade automatically becomes an "F". (San Antonio College Bulletin, Faculty Handbook – January 1995)

B. Departmental Requirement:

**Workload:** Students are responsible for reading and studying each chapter PRIOR TO class lecture and discussion of the chapter. **THIS IS VERY CRITICAL.** Your success in this class is dependent upon your continued commitment to maintaining a daily study time outside the classroom. You must stay current.

C. Instructor Requirements:

**Grading Scale:**

A	=	90	-	100
B	=	80	-	89
C	=	70	-	79
D	=	60	-	69
F	=	Below 60		

**VIII: College Policies:**

- A. San Antonio College does not discriminate on the basis of race, religion, color, national origin, sex, age, or disability with respect to access, employment programs or services.
- B. “Students are urged not to bring children to either a class or a lab. Minors under the age of twelve (12) must not be left unattended on campus.”  
College Academic Council – April, 1998
- C. ADA Statement: “As per Section 504 of the Vocational Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, if accommodation is needed contact the Office of DisABILITY Support Services, CAC 124C, Phone: (210) 733-2347”
- D. A Rapid Response Team exists for the purpose of responding to emergencies. If you have a disability that will require assistance in the event of a building evacuation, notify Disability Support Services, Chance Academic Center 124C, Phone: (210) 733-2347.
- E. Academic Dishonesty: Students may be subject to disciplinary proceedings resulting in an academic penalty or disciplinary penalty for academic dishonesty. Academic Dishonesty includes, but is not limited to cheating on a text, plagiarism and collusion. For additional information refer to the “Student Code of Conduct”: in the San Antonio College Bulletin.

- F. Students are required to silence all electronic devices (e.g., pagers, cellular phones, etc.) when in classrooms, laboratories and the library. College Academic Council, 01/2000.
  
- G. San Antonio College Attendance Policy: Regular and punctual attendance is required. A student absent for any reason is responsible for all work missed. Absences are recorded from the first day of class. A student absent the equivalent of two weeks of instruction, may be dropped by the instructor with a grade of “W.” Both tardiness and early departure from class are forms of absenteeism. The instructor establishes the policy with regard for each.
  
- H. San Antonio College is a smoke free campus.
  
- I. ACCD DPS Emergency Phone Numbers:
  - ACCD DPS Emergency Phone (210) 222-0911
  - ACCD DPS General Phone (210) 208-8099
  - ACCD DPS Weather Phone (210) 208-8189 – (For information on college closures)
  
- J. Students must also abide by the policies, procedures, and rules set forth in the “Student Code of Conduct” and all other policies set forth in the San Antonio College Bulletin.  
[www.accd.edu/sac/sacmain/schedule/SAC\\_Bulletin\\_05-06.pdf](http://www.accd.edu/sac/sacmain/schedule/SAC_Bulletin_05-06.pdf)

## **IX. Miscellaneous Information**

### 1. Retention Period For Student Work, Exams, etc:

Student papers and exams will be retained for one semester after the completion of the course.

### 2. Business Department

For degree plans, general syllabi outlines, and other information on your current course and faculty, please visit the Business Department website at: <http://www.accd.edu/sac/business> or contact us at (210) 733-2700.

### 3. Business Computer Lab

The Business Computer Lab is a student lab that is open to any Business Department student majoring in any of the departments programs and/or taking any department course. For more information, please contact the BCL at (210) 785-6058 or visit us on the web at <http://www.accd.edu/sac/business/lab>.