



# STARK STATE COLLEGE

## GENERAL SYLLABUS

### Course Information

**Course Name:** Introduction to Public Administration  
**Course Number:** PSC130

### Required Materials

**Textbook(s):** Michael Milakovich and George Gordon, Public Administration in America (12th ed.)  
 Cengage 2023

**Required Readings:** See weekly calendar below

**Additional Materials:** Optional materials are posted on the LMS

### Course Outline/Calendar

The date of coverage and order of coverage may be modified based on the faculty member and events beyond the control of faculty members that interfere with class times and teaching.

Week	Chapter/Topic/Lab
1	Reading assignment and topic: Ch. 1, "The Study of Public Administration"
2	Reading assignment and topic: Ch. 2, "Bureaucratic Power"
3	Reading assignment and topic: Ch. 3, "Federalism and Intergovernmental Relations"
4	Test 1
5	Reading assignment and topic: Ch. 4, "Organizational Theory"
6	Reading assignment and topic: Ch. 5, "Decision Making"
7	Reading assignment and topic: Ch. 6, "Chief Executives and the Challenges of Administrative Leadership"
8	Test 2
9	Reading assignment and topic: Ch. 7, "Human Resources Administration and Development"
10	Reading assignment and topic: Ch. 8, "Government Budgeting"
11	Reading assignment and topic: Ch. 9, "Public Policy and Program Implementation"
12	Test 3
13	Reading assignment and topic: Ch. 10, "Governmental Relations and Administrative Law"
14	Reading assignment and topic: Ch. 12, "Conclusion: Public Administration in a Time of Conflict, Divisiveness, and Rapid Social Change"
15	Reading assignment and topic: Ch. 12, "Conclusion: Public Administration in a Time of Conflict, Divisiveness, and Rapid Social Change" (continued)
16	Comprehensive Final Examination