

## **PAD-152 Ethics in Government**

### **COURSE DESCRIPTION:**

Prerequisites: There are no prerequisites.

Corequisites: None

Course description. This course introduces the ethical issues and problems within the public administration field. Emphasis is placed on building analytical skills, stimulating moral imagination, and recognizing the discretionary power of the administrator's role. Upon completion, students should be able to understand the moral dimensions of public administrative decision making.

### **LEARNING OUTCOMES:**

Upon completing requirements for this course, the student will be able to:

1. Become familiar with the ethical standards and values associated with professional public administration.
2. Understand the role of accountability from a public service administrator's perspective and from a citizen's perspective.
3. Develop an understanding of the values, principles, standards, and codes public servants use to make decisions.
4. Think critically about current events relating to governance, accountability and ethics in public service.
5. Using ethical reasoning skills, identify ethical standards and values associated with the public service.
6. Understand the legal and ethical responsibilities of public administrators and their duty to report unethical behavior.

### **OUTLINE OF INSTRUCTION:**

- I. Course Introduction
  - A. Defining ethics
  - B. Ethics in public administration
- II. Ethical Perspectives
- III. Ethical Decision Making
  - A. Values & Principles
  - B. Professional Standards
  - C. Integrity & Codes of Conduct
- IV. Current Events: Identifying current topics in public services.

- V. Critical Thinking in Ethics
  - A. Examining current ethical issues in society.
  - B. Identifying acceptable standards for ethical practices.
  - C. Determining values of public servants and the community they serve.
  
- VI. Legal Issues & Duty to Act
  - A. N.C. Administrative Code
  - B. N.C. Ethics Commission
  - C. Administrative responsibilities
  
- VII. Scenario Based Training
  
- VIII. Course Conclusion

**REQUIRED TEXTBOOK AND MATERIAL:**

The instructor will determine the textbook and other instructional material.