

1. Order Books

2. Questions over list by 4PM Monday

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Institutional Perspectives on Management

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I. Course Description

This foundational course prepares doctoral students to research and teach public policy and management. Using competing theories of institutional design and action, the course reviews seminal scholarship drawn from different theories, including:

1. rational choice institutionalism
2. sociological institutionalism
3. historical institutionalism

The course complements a separate UW course covering managerial responsibilities centered around the policy-making process.

By the end of the term, you should be able to:

- know the classic lines of scholarship on institutions, and distinguish how scholars from different disciplines study core management and policy challenges;
- recognize the theoretical orientation(s) of any scholarly work on management or institutions that you come across;
- identify and articulate key theoretical, descriptive, and normative overlaps and distinctions among the different schools of institutional theory;
- critique, integrate, and apply the theories to study particular problems of policy and management; and
- position your own research and teaching interests across the various schools of institutional thought.

II. Readings

-There are 4 required books for the class; they are noted in the syllabus below. All are available in used additions now. Also, they will all be available on 4-hour reserve at Odegaard Library.

Douglass North. 1990. *Institutions, Institutional Change and Economic Performance*

Elinor Ostrom. 1990. *Governing the Commons*

Mancur Olson. 1965. *The Logic of Collective Action*.

Paul Pierson. 2004. *Politics in Time*

-For readings that are short excerpts from books, they will be available on the University Library's electronic reserve.

-For articles, they are available in electronic form from the University Library.

-For other materials, a coursepack will be available. *The coursepack is still in production; I will let you know when it is available.*

