

Administrative Law
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Room 122

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Required Materials:

Text (in the bookstore): **M. Asimow & R. Levin**, *Asimow & Levin's State and Federal Administrative Law*, 3d (West, American Casebook Series) (2009) and online supplement.

When necessary, I will post supplemental material on the class's WISE website; all students should register accordingly at <http://wise.willamette.edu> (click on Login at top).

Course Goals:

At the end of this class, you should be familiar with the major problems and processes of federal and state administrative law. You should understand the relationship between the legislative, executive, administrative, and judicial branches within the federal and state governments, and understand how constitutional, statutory and regulatory provisions guide those entity's relationships with each other and the American public.

Attendance & Participation:

The law school attendance policy applies. However, your presence in and preparation for class will affect your eligibility (and whether you ultimately receive) a half-point grade increase (i.e., B to B+) or decrease (i.e., B- to C+) for class participation (or the lack thereof). Unless you take a "pass" (see 2. below) I expect everyone to be prepared for class and to participate in the discussion.

1. Attendance. You are eligible for a half-point grade increase for participation only if you miss fewer than five classes. Even then, such an increase is awarded only for exceptional participation. If you miss five or more classes, you are no longer eligible for the half-point increase (though your participation is always greatly appreciated!). Unique exceptions can be managed by Dean Santos.

2. Preparation. Come prepared for every class. If you are called upon and not prepared, your grade may be reduced by a half grade. You may have up to five "free passes" if you inform me, by note or email, more than 5 minutes before the beginning of the class that you are unprepared (no explanations necessary). If I get a note I won't expect your participation. Free passes are not affected by absences; you can miss four classes and then take four free passes and still receive an increase in your final grade (though if you take that many passes you'd best be quite exceptional!).

Laptops:

You can use your laptops as you see fit, but you should not use them in a manner that distracts your classmates. If I find that happening I will ask you to desist, with repeated violations potentially affecting your grade.

Feedback and Office Hours:

I welcome feedback at any time (anonymous or otherwise) about the amount and nature of work in the class, about what topics you do and don't understand, as well as about my own approach in trying to teach those topics. While I will answer the occasional email (and I will often do so by providing you with an answer but cc'ing the entire class), I am available to talk at almost any time. Please note that my office is in the Carnegie building, not upstairs.

Reading Chart: See Separate Document