

WELCOME TO POLITICAL SCIENCE 511J

LEGAL ISSUES IN PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION: AN INTRODUCTION TO LOCAL GOVERNMENT LAW AND ADMINISTRATIVE LAW

UNCG
209 Graham
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Course Objective: This course is designed to provide an overview of selected local government law topics and to briefly introduce the study of administrative law.

Learning Outcomes: The course readings, written assignments and in class exercises are designed to produce the following outcomes: You will: (1) learn about selected legal principles in state and local government law and administrative law; (2) become familiar with and be able to locate legal resources relating to state and local government law and administrative law; (3) learn the fundamentals relating to the research for addressing local government legal problems; and (4) be able to analyze and apply case law, statutes, and administrative regulations in preparing basic reports relating to issues in state and local government law and administrative law.

Course Approach: The classes will be seminar style with general discussion and students will be called upon to brief and analyze cases and to summarize and comment upon statutes and other readings. Also, occasional in-class exercises will be conducted in connection with current class topics. Each student should be prepared to discuss the assigned readings and cases.

Course Materials:

There is no text for this course. **Course materials will be distributed via e-mail.**

<u>Evaluation Components</u>	<u>Graduate Points</u>	<u>Undergraduate Points</u>
1. Class participation. ¹	10	10
2. Two (2) one page briefs of certain assigned cases and a summary (not to exceed two (2) pages) of N.C.G.S. Section 14-234	20	20
3 Perform the necessary research for and then write a city ordinance on a selected area of regulation authorized for municipal government. Additionally, prepare a brief memorandum (not to exceed two (2) pages) justifying the adoption of and providing the legal authority for the ordinance you have written. The class will be divided into small groups and each group will be responsible for writing a municipal ordinance.	30	30
4 A short paper (not to exceed six (6) pages <u>double-spaced</u>) discussing and taking a position on a local government and/or administrative legal issue or issues. This paper shall cite and apply relevant cases, statutes, administrative rules and regulations. Also, this paper should make suggestions for a recommended course of action for addressing the issue examined. Each student will present a 5 minute summary of his or her paper in class on a date to be announced.	40	45

Classes: Saturday mornings on each date designated below
- 9:00 a.m. - 11:50 a.m.

SEPT 13 **OCT 11** **NOV 15**
SEPT 27 **OCT 25**

Deadline for final paper and to turn in make-up work: Final day of regularly scheduled classes at 5:00 pm.

¹ No one will receive a grade of "A" unless there is adequate class participation. No exceptions.