PADM 0660 ETHICS AND ACCOUNTABILITY

Required Text: Dean Geuras and Charles Garofalo, <u>Practical Ethics in Public</u> <u>Administration</u>, 3rd ed., Management Concepts, 2011 (digital edition available).

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6 week hybrid course: We will meet in class on Tuesdays with asynchronous interaction online throughout the week

The focus of this course is on the obligations of the public administrator and the unique ethical and moral dilemmas posed by public service. These range from uncommon circumstances where there seem to be conflicting, ambiguous claims of good to the frequent need to choose among one's responsibilities to elected officials, organizational superiors, professional standards, regime values, one's organization, one's loved ones and friends, and not least, individual conscience. These issues will be addressed from a number of philosophical and situational perspectives, including the discussion of various ethical case dilemmas.

Our in-class sessions will utilize case presentations, student debates, and other interactive methods to apply theory and build a framework for ethical decision making. Our online sessions will continue our exploration of the issues through discussion, video links, audio files, and more.



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