

PSC 235

ORGANIZATIONAL THEORY AND BEHAVIOR
(Provisional)

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Below I list the sections of the course and outline the requirements and deadlines. The last time this course was offered it was for graduate students as well as undergraduates. I am in the process of reducing the required readings and ordering a smaller number of books.

There will be two quizzes (**February 12 and March 5**), each of which will count for 30 percent of the final grade. There will be a final paper, which will count for 40 percent of the final grade.

I The ascendance of formal organizations (1/15 - 1/29)

II The bureaucracy "problem" (2/3 - 2/10)

III Decision-making in organizations (2/17 - 3/3)

A. Rationality in individual choice - the decision to belong.

B. Rationality in individual choice - calculation

C. Organizational choice

IV Authority, Control, and Implementation (3/17 - 3/26)

V External relations (3/31 - 4/17)

A. "Theory"

B. Federalism and Grants

C. Political pressure and protests

VI Budget battles (4/21 - 4/28)