

## **GOVERNING INSTRUMENTS**

### **Course Outline** (revised on October 24, 2011)

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**Prerequisite:** Eight upper division units in political science or permission of the dept. Students who have completed POL 355 prior to September 2008 may not take this course for credit.

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### **Description:**

This course focuses on the elements of policy design and examines policy formulation and implementation, and the instruments used by governments in carrying out these tasks. Essential components of modern public administration and governance, substantive and procedural governing instruments together comprise the toolbox from which governments must choose in attempting to resolve policy problems. The course begins with the establishment of a framework for analyzing governing instruments and examines their role in policy formulation and implementation before moving on to consider the merits, demerits and rationales for the use of different kinds of organization, regulatory, financial and information-based instruments. Throughout the course the need to carefully design policies in order to ensure effective implementation is stressed.

**Course Organization:** There will be a four-hour seminar per week.

### **Required Text:**

Howlett, Michael. *Designing Public Policies: Principles and Instruments*. New York: Routledge, 2011.

### **Recommended Text:**

Salamon, L. M. *The Tools of Government: A Guide to the New Governance*. New York: Oxford University Press, 2002.

### **Course Evaluation:**

Class Reading Presentations (2)	20%	Term Paper	60%
Term Paper Presentation	10%	Class Participation	10%

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