Welcome to *The Politics of Government Regulation*. In this class, we will examine a subset of public administration: the regulatory authority of government. We will discuss how and why government regulates activities and behavior and probe into which regulations serve the public good and/or overreach. We will analyze various social and political dynamics that bolster the regulatory system and critique the forces that threaten the continued existence of certain regulatory regimes. The goal is to give each student a clear perspective of the building, sustainment and changes in regulatory environment on the federal, state and international levels.

I believe that you will find this course enriching and useful later in your career pursuits.

Grades: The course will be graded on the standard scale:

- **A** 93-100
- **AB** 88-92
- **B** 83-87
- **BC** 78-82
- **C** 70-77
- **D** 60-69
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**Textbooks:** The only textbook you will need to purchase is *Regulation: A Primer*. The other book you will receive electronically before the first day of class. Also, all required reading will
be sent to you be email and they are also attached to the syllabus. Please be aware that there may be additional readings assigned during the semester.


- *New Perspectives on Regulation*. Edited by David Moss (Harvard Business School) and John Cisternino. 2009

**September 8.**  
**Course Overview: Why Governments Regulate?**

- *Chapter 1. Regulation: A Primer*

**September 15:**  
**Theories of Regulation**

- *Chapter 2. Regulation: A Primer*

**September 22:**  
**Regulation and the Constitution**

- *Chapter 3. Regulation: A Primer*
- *Deregulation Theories in Litigious Society: American Antitrust and Tort*. Tony Freyer, University Research Professor of History and Law, University of Alabama

**September 29.**  
**Synthesizing the Regulatory Process**

- *Chapter 4. Regulation: A Primer*
October 6:  Regulation Bureaucracy

- Chapter 5. Regulation: A Primer
- Cox, James. Staging and Scaling Regulation: Lessons from the SEC. Working paper. (Prepared for 2011 Rethinking Regulation meeting, co-sponsored by the Tobin Project)

October 13:  Government as Risk Manager: Regulatory Analysis

- Chapter 5. Regulation: A Primer

October 20:  Midterm Exam

October 27:  Government and Markets: Failure and Behavior

- Chapter 6. Regulation: A Primer
- Redesigning Regulation: A Case Study from the Consumer Credit Market. Elizabeth Warren, Leo Gottlieb Professor of Law, Harvard Law School

November 3.  Government and Markets: Failure and Behavior (continued)

• Reconsidering Agency Capture During Regulatory Policymaking.  Susan Webb Yackee, Associate Professor of Public Affairs and Political Science, La Follette School of Public Affairs, University of Wisconsin-Madison

November 10: Benefits, Risks of Co-Regulation

• New Perspectives on Regulation. Chapter 6.
• Prospects for Economic "Self-Regulation" in the United States: An Historian's View from the Early Twenty-First Century  Edward Balleisen, Associate Professor of History, Duke University

November 17: Social Regulation: Safety, Environmental and Health

• Chapter 7. Regulation: A Primer
• Eisner, Marc. Design for Environment: Lessons from Environmental Protection. Working paper. (Prepared for 2011 Rethinking Regulation meeting, co-sponsored by the Tobin Project)

November 22: Case Study Presentations


December 1: The Future of Regulation

• Chapter 10. Regulation: A Primer

December 8. The Future of Regulation (continued)
• Chapter 5. *New Perspectives on Regulation.*

• Toward a Culture of Persistent Regulatory Experimentation and Evaluation Michael Greenstone; Moss, David A.; John A. Cisternino (2009-07-04).

December 15: Final Paper Due