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Participation in class discussion is required. You cannot participate if you are not in class. Your class participation grade is worth 40 points. There are 23 non-exam class days. On at least 20 occasions, you should turn in an index card to me at the end of class that includes your name and how you contributed to that day's class discussion. If you did not contribute, you should still turn in a card indicating your attendance in class that day.

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579-600 A+	519-536 B+	559-476 C+	399-416 D+	356 and below F
555-578 A	495-518 B	435-458 C	381-398 D	
537-554 A-	477-494 B-	417-434 C-	357-380 D-	

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August 23 Introduction to Course

August 25 <http://www.nbcnews.com/nightly-news/video/waterslide-death-ferris-wheel-accident-prompt-ride-safety-concerns-741173315503>\*

Public Policy: Politics, Analysis, and Alternatives (Chapter One)\*

August 30 Market Failures

Introduction to Public Policy (Chapters Three and Four)\*

September 1

- September 15 Theories of the Policy Making Process: Institutional Rational Choice  
<https://paulcairney.wordpress.com/2014/03/28/policy-concepts-in-1000-words-institutions-and-new-institutionalism/>\*
- September 20 Catch Up and Review
- September 22
- September 27 Theories of the Policy Making Process/Long Term Change: Advocacy Coalitions  
 Sabatier, Paul. 1988. "An Advocacy Coalition Framework of Policy Change and the Role of Policy-Oriented Learning Therein." *Policy Sciences* 21: 2/3\*
- September 29 Theories of the Policy Making Process/Long Term Change: Innovation and Diffusion  
 Theories of the Policy Process (Chapter Seven pages 169-183)\*
- October 4 Theories of the Policy Making Process  
 Agendas and Instability in American Politics (Chapters One and Two)
- October 6 Fall Break
- October 11 Agendas and Instability in American Politics (Chapter Three)  
 Exploring the Agenda Database: <http://www.comparativeagendas.net/us>
- October 13 Agendas and Instability in American Politics (Chapter Four)
- October 18 Agendas and Instability in American Politics (Chapter Five)
- October 20 No Class
- October 25 Agendas and Instability in American Politics (Chapters Six and Seven)
- October 27 Agendas and Instability in American Politics (Chapter Eight)
- November 1 Catch Up and Review
- November 3 Exam Two
- November 8 Agendas and Instability in American Politics (Chapters Nine and Ten)
- November 10 TBA

November 15