COURSE INFORMATION AND FIRST DAY ASSIGNMENT

This course considers the constitutional, common law and statutory legal framework governing what government agencies can do and how they can do it. The modern “regulatory state” implements public policies affecting myriad subjects including the economy, environment, employment, health & safety, welfare, education, immigration, etc. Administrative law concerns issues of power and “due process” that underlie and cut-across the various substantive areas of regulation. Principles governing judicial, congressional and presidential review and oversight of federal regulatory agencies are covered. In addition, the course considers the political, social, institutional and ethical context of administrative legal doctrine and practice.

- Students and I share responsibility for the success of our learning together. I use a variety of class formats designed to engage us in learning: lecture and discussion; small groups; role playing or student presentations, etc. In discussions I will ask for volunteers and call on students. Class participation is important.

- No research paper is required. Because writing and reasoning are closely related, there will be periodic short writing assignments (2-4 pages) related to course readings. The course emphasizes developing skills of critical reasoning. The course Syllabus will be available on TWEN on the date of the first class.
