

To: MPA 501 Students

From: Deborah D. Stein

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Re: Opening Letter and Welcome

Welcome to MPA 501L700: Politics and Policy in the Summer of 2009. The course begins on July 6, 2009 and ends on August 14, 2009.

This online course will take place over a six-week period. During the first week apart of the assignment will be to get to know each other. There is a housekeeping section, current articles and discussion in each of the forums. A few days before the course starts students will have the ability to access the course.

After you enter the course, review the syllabus. You will find each of your reading assignments, textbooks requirements, class expectations, grading system and general information about the course.

Course textbooks:

Deborah Stone, *Policy Paradox: The Art of Political Decision-Making* W.W. Norton.

John W. Kingdon, *Agenda, Alternatives, and Public Policies. Longman Classics 2nd Edition.*

Arrangements have been made with Marist College Bookstore to purchase these materials. The telephone to the bookstore is 845-575-3620.

I look forward to meeting you during the week of July 6.