I. **FSM Mission Statement:** The Fire and Homeland Security program will be designed to meet the needs of the fire service professional. The increased demand for a highly educated professional fuels the demand for this program not only from current and former students but also the industry itself. The International Association of Fire Chiefs (IAFC) has developed a Chief Officer Designation (CFOD) and professional model matrix. These two programs along with a higher demand for fire personnel to have a master’s degree to hold the fire chief’s position make this program in high demand among the fire service. Currently there are only 7 programs in the country that afford fire personnel this opportunity. This academic setting of this program will foster creative thinking and communication skills in our pursuit of excellence.

II. **Course Description:** Administrative law is the law governing the powers, limits and operations of government administrative agencies, and the rights of individuals in dealing with those agencies. Much of this course is about two statutes and related court cases: The Administrative procedure Act of 1946, governing the federal agencies; and the Model State Administrative Procedures Act, governing Oklahoma and many other states. Other statutes applying to administrative agencies, such as the Freedom of Information Act, the National Environmental Policy Act, and the Open Meetings Act will also be examined. In addition, the course deals with provisions of the U.S. Constitution that constrain administrative agencies and define the rights of individuals before administrative bodies.

III. **Prerequisite:** None

IV. **Text, Reference Material, and Supplies:**


V. **Course Outcomes/Objectives:**

1. To impart an understanding of the legal powers and limits of bureaucracy in relation to other units of American Government.

2. To provide useful skills and knowledge for individuals in dealing with the government.
3. To build analytical skills and vocabulary to scope with the legalistic culture of our Administrative State.

**TOPICAL OUTLINE**

Unit One

Introduction
The Administrative State
Group Session
Executive Control of Bureaucracy
Legislative Control
Delegation of Legislative Powers
Jurisdiction
Constitutional Checks
Access to the Courts: Standing
Primary Jurisdiction
Reviewability
Scope of Judicial Review
Substantial Evidence & the Arbitrary & Capricious test

Unit Two

Rule Making and Adjudication
Agency Discretion
Judicial Oversight
Procedural and “Interpretative” Rules
Evidence and Impartial Decision makers
Informal Actions; Reliance on Agency Advice
Privacy and the Freedom of Information Act
Government Information Gathering
Administrative Searches
Open Meeting Laws and Sunshine Laws

Unit Three

Due Process and Termination of Public Employees
Fair Procedures
Public Employment and the First Amendment
What Process is Due
Suing the Federal Government
Suing State and Local Government
Suing Law Enforcement Officers
Suing Civilian Public Officials
Sovereign and Official Immunity