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Readings and Practice Problems

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Note:

There is no longer any set text for PUBL 203/209. Chapters from the previous years' text, *Applied Models in Public Policy*, are included in this readings packet. Also included are additional articles listed in the course outline and selected answers to previous years' tests and final examinations. Readings listed as "optional" in the course outline are not included in this packet and will not be distributed.

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