

PADM 691
SEMINAR IN PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION

ASSIGNMENT ON SOCIAL EQUITY
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This group assignment is due the last weekend session. Please do not hesitate to bring drafts for me to review before that date. Define all terms. This assignment is worth 20% of your course grade.

1. Prepare a scholarly essay on the origins, essences, pros and cons of the existence of the concept of social equity and governance. (15%)
2. Briefly but thoroughly describe and discuss the public policy area and the specific sub-public policy area (SPPA) in the Richmond metropolitan area that your group is studying. (10%)
2. Describe and discuss the most important social equity (SE) issues and concerns in this sub-public policy area. (20%)
3. Identify and discuss the most important indicators and score cards needed to track social equity issues in this SPPA. (20%)
4. Recommend and discuss strategies to improve social equity in this SPPA in the Richmond metropolitan area. Identify possible obstacles to the implementation of these strategies. (20%)

Presentation: 15%

This assignment will be assessed based upon the following:

- Demonstrated knowledge of the concept of social equity and governance,
- Demonstrated knowledge of SPPA in the Richmond metropolitan area,
- Demonstrated knowledge of SE issues in SPPA,
- Creativity in establishing SE indicators and scorecards in this SPPA,
- Quantity and quality of research,
- Quality of writing, and
- Presentation.