

POL 605: American Politics

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Seminar: H 4:30-7:30

Course website: <https://sites.google.com/a/stonybrook.edu/mperess/teaching/ap2019>

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Course Description

This seminar will introduce you to classic as well as contemporary research in American politics. We will discuss the literature both in political institutions (e.g., Congress) and in political behavior (e.g., voting). By covering an array of topics in these areas, the course will provide a foundation for developing a comprehensive understanding of the field and the various directions in which it is now moving.

Requirements

You should do all the readings for each week's assignments and be prepared to discuss them in class. Grades will be based on two critical essays on the readings (5-7 pages), in-class presentations, and general class discussion. Student responsibilities include leading discussion of the readings, drawing the class into describing and comparing the readings substantively and methodologically.

Readings

Most articles are available online. For any that are not, whichever student is assigned the reading should scan the chapters and provide a pdf to the class.

Course Schedule

The latest version is available on the course web site.