

GOVT S-1461. Urban Politics and Government (CRN: 30161)

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This course will survey politics and government in American cities. It will analyze the structure and functioning of government institutions; the roles of political parties; the mobilization of economic, racial, ethnic, and neighborhood interests; forms of political participation, such as voting, citizen participation, and riots; and patterns of political power and decision making. The course also will consider the city's web of relationships with federal, state, and special-purpose regional institutions, and it will examine selected policy areas such as physical and economic development.