

Course Number

PSC-273-01

Course Description

An investigation of the judicial branch of government in the U.S. that focuses on the role of judges, the functioning of courts, and leading contemporary controversies in the judicial system. Among the primary concerns of this course are: the structure of the American Judiciary, judicial selection processes, how cases originate and move through the judicial system, how judges think about and reach decisions in the cases, and the role law plays in society. In exploring these topics many actual Supreme Court cases are dissected, focusing on such issues as: gay rights, pornography, rights of disabled citizens, the rights of those accused of crimes, and free speech over the Internet, to name only a few areas.

Academic Term

21/FA

Instructor

Hays, Bradley

Location & Meeting Time

Lippman-012+ T/TH 09:00AM-10:45AM LEC

By Permission of Instructor

Y

Credits

1.00

Capacity

25

Total Students

20

Common Curriculum

SOCS Social Science

Interdisciplinary Programs

American Studies

Environmental Science & Policy

Academic Department

Political Science

Field Of Study

Political Science (PSC)