

<b>POLS 4404 The Legislative Process - American Politics</b>	Goal/Objective	Outcomes Reflecting Goal	Assignments Demonstrating Achieving Outcome
	Political behavior and preferences	Students will understand how and why politicians and voters decide to do what they do. We usually approach this objective via the role of rational behavior and political information.	Course readings, discussions, Congressional simulation (including research projects on Member of Congress, constituents, and district, and legislative proposals)
	Political institutions and the rules of the game	Students will engage with course materials that highlight the “rules of the game,” and how and why have they changed over time.	Course readings, discussions, Congressional simulation
	Political outcomes: Congress is just one piece of the policymaking puzzle	Students will understand what role Congress plays in the legislative process and how these roles differ across political issues and environmental constraints.	Course readings, discussions, Congressional simulation, and final analysis paper.