

POLS 6614 Grad Seminar: American Political Institutions	Goal/Objective	Outcomes Reflecting Goal	Assignments Demonstrating Achieving Outcome
	To examine the role of Congress in American politics	Students will engage with academic research that considers Congress' role in American politics from an historical, institutional, and individual perspective	Course readings, discussions, response papers
	To develop the ability to communicate effectively in writing	Students will write responses adhering to standard conventions of academic writing	response papers and term paper
	To demonstrate a commitment to active learning and to thinking critically	Prepare for and participate in class discussions.	Course discussions, assistance with undergrad simulation
	Demonstrate ability to lead colleagues in discussion	Students will prepare for role as class discussion leader for at least one class and ask thought provoking and compelling questions that is focused or based on the reading	Course readings, discussions, and response papers
	Explore political science research methods	Students will read and engage with methodology and relative strengths and weaknesses of academic research	Course readings, discussions, papers and research project
	To consider and engage how to teach the subject of Congress	Students will consider the use of simulation vs. other standard teaching methods for teaching Congress to undergraduates	Class discussions, active participation as facilitator in undergraduate simulation, term paper