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COURSE DESIGN The purpose of this course is to introduce you to the systematic study of politics. We will see how political scientists analyze politics by observing political behavior, formulating concepts that make sense of their observations, and by developing ideas for improving the human condition through better political processes and public policies. The course is designed to build your understanding in four steps. We will: **First**, learn what politics is about by reading the story of one politician as he rises to the leadership of a state legislature. **Second**, see how political scientists bring together ideas and information to analyze political behavior. **Third**, use these tools to examine how ideology, money, gender, and political parties influence the outcome of this year's elections. **Fourth**, compare American political institutions with those in other countries so we can learn from their experience, and understand why our politics are so unique.

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[NEW:](#) Assignments for the html, editorial, reporting, and coordination teams have been made. Check on the announcements page for your assignment. If you are not

listed, please stop by Miller Hall 156 to pick up a blue form. I also need your e-mail address.



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