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TOPICS IN PUBLIC POLICY

A three (3) credit course

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Political Science – 465 Sec. 01

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Course Description: We will consider, debate, discuss and research contemporary issues of the day and their relationship to the legislative response, specifically the U.S. Congress. In doing so, we will examine Congressional history and the current legislative process.

Requirements: Class attendance and participation is required (1/3); two research projects concerning an issue and congressional response with class presentation (1/3); final exam paper (1/3).

Required Reading: Initial Fac Pac, other readings and Fac Pacs TBA. Students are required to stay informed about current local, state, and particularly federal issues.

Course: Because the flow of events and the media reports about them are virtually unpredictable, a precise course outline is neither possible nor preferable. The course will begin with three classes of lecture and discussion about the history of the U.S. Congress. Following that we will review the process of federal lawmaking: leadership, committees, floor procedure, interest groups, media, campaigns.

In addition and throughout we will be attentive to the flow of contemporary issues and relate them to how the Congress responds. We will emphasize national issues related to: budget, environment, health care and Social Security.

Guest Lecturers: We will likely have guest lecturers during the semester depending upon the flow of issues. TBA.

Graduate students and students who have taken Mr. William's Congress in the Nineties class, Political Science 495, Sec. 02, must meet with Mr. Williams to arrange for a required extra component.