

PSC535
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Bureaucratic Politics
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Course Purpose: This course provides an overview of the literature on bureaucratic politics, particularly as it related to the American political system (however, we can build in a more comparative component if students care to explore). Emphasis is put on current major research areas, of which there are quite a few, as both the real-world importance of the American bureaucracy and scholarly interest has grown considerably in recent years.

Grading: Students will be graded on class participation (50 percent) and a research paper or proposal (50 percent).

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