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We meet in Wegmans Hall Room 1400 on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 12:30-1:45pm.

Attendance at class meetings is optional. Class meetings will be neither recorded nor broadcast.

Politics is extraordinarily complicated because political outcomes are never attributable solely to the actions of any one person. Instead, explaining political events requires us to account for the distinct beliefs and preferences of multiple persons, and then trace how the actions of those multiple persons combine to determine single outcomes. Positive Political Theory is a set of tools used by political scientists to model processes that are at work in a wide variety of political contexts. Students in this course gain the familiarity they need with these tools to thrive in advanced courses in political science, and to deepen their understanding of the politics they observe and participate in their lives outside classroom.

If you're already enrolled in the course, go to the course site on Blackboard. There, you'll see a link to "Learning Modules". Click on that link and open the folder for "Module 0". Watch the videos in that folder! They walk you through how the course works and how to find all the information, assignments and everything else you need for the course on the Blackboard site.

If you're not enrolled in the course and you want to watch these videos to learn more about the course, just email the instructor at [stuart.jordan@rochester.edu](mailto:stuart.jordan@rochester.edu) and ask!

Students in the course are graded on homework assignments called "checks of understanding"



...	...12-05	Preparing for Exam 3	No class on Thursday December 8 No help sessions on 12/8 and 12/9
...	...12-12	Preparing for the Final Exam	Last class session of the semester on Tuesday 12/13 covering what to expect on the final exam.