

# POLS 1602H – American Politics

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- **Debates. Elections. Filibusters. Partisan Polarization. Police Brutality. Economic Inequality. Donald Trump! You know you want to know more about these things.**
- Well this is your chance. This course is designed to serve two purposes. First, it will focus on the "nuts and bolts" issues of American government. We will deal with, among other topics, the legislative, executive, judicial, and electoral processes, both as they were designed, and as they work today in the real world.
- Second, the course should enhance your understanding of the principles underlying the modern system of governance in the United States. You will be asked to step away from the details of contemporary political debates and controversies and come to grips with the more fundamental political questions they address—questions that have dominated American political discourse since the nation's founding.

