

LEGISLATIVE POLICY MAKING

A 2-credit elective

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In-class sessions:

Friday, October 23, 5-9

Saturday, October 24, 9-5

Sunday, October 25, 9-5

In addition, students will be expected to attend legislative activities.

An optional tour of the Capitol Building and the Capitol Campus
will be scheduled sometime during the quarter.

The course will provide an introduction to the structure and processes of legislative policy making, and the very complex context in which it takes place. Contextual factors to be discussed will include the roles of federal and state constitutions, tribal treaties, the State Enabling Act, local governments, international treaties, interstate relationships, elections and campaigning, media, relations with executive and judicial branches, and more. Discussions of legislative branch operations will include: the organizational structure of the Legislature, legislative committee processes, Floor action processes, legislative documents and information systems, staffing, public access, lobbyists, how policy decisions are accountable to and influenced by the public, and more. Highly experienced guests will be invited to class to share their experience and expertise. Students will be expected to research the detailed legislative history of a piece of legislation, applying the information and concepts discussed in class. (No textbook required. Reading materials, or references to reading materials, will be provided electronically.)