SPRING 2011

SEMESTER COURSES
3 — Credit Courses

GOVT 482/682.001
Women & Politics
Elizabeth Sherman
Tuesdays, 8:10 PM – 10:40 PM
This course examines the evolutionary role of women in politics - as voters, citizens, candidates, and leaders - from the Seneca Falls Convention to the present. The role of women's organizations and movements in the expansion of political and legal rights are also explored.

GOVT 484/684.001
Women & Political Leadership
Jennifer Lawless
Mondays, 2:10 PM – 4:50 PM
This course explores the historical evolution of women as leaders, the factors that have limited the number of women in leadership positions, and the differences in men's and women's leadership styles.

GOVT 484/684.004
Role of Latinas in American Politics
Linda Mancillas
Wednesdays, 5:30 PM – 8:00 PM
This course examines the role of the Latino/a electorate in shaping state and national politics. After a review of the political histories of the various Latino/a national origin groups, the class discusses public policy issues that concern Latinas, the successes and failures of Latina empowerment strategies, and their electoral impact.

GOVT 584.001
Gender & Politics in the Middle East
Diane Singerman
Tuesdays, 2:10 PM – 4:50 PM
This course explores the ways in which social, political, and cultural constructions of sexual differences influence the nature and practice of political life in the Middle East. It examines the ways in which power is gendered and how gender has served as a basis for political organization, the distribution of power, and the boundaries of public life.

FEBRUARY

GOVT 485/685.001
Women, Politics & Philanthropy
Marcia Cone
Saturday/Sunday, February 5 – 6
9 AM – 5 PM
This course is an overview of women’s philanthropy. Its prospective influence on public policy, engagement of women in grassroots policy advocacy, and how it can be a catalyst for issue advocacy. This course helps build skills in grant writing, program design and evaluation and social change philanthropy.

GOVT 485/685.002
Politics of Girls Empowerment
Laurie Westley
Saturday/Sunday, February 12 – 13
9 AM – 5 PM
This class examines the politics of girls’ empowerment and the role of government, non-profit organizations, and community activism around girls’ issues. The course will focus on issues such as education, violence, body image, media, and health and will engage experts from the Girl Scouts, Girls Inc, the Department of Education, and Congress who are working on these issues.

MARCH

GOVT 282.001
Introduction to Women & Politics
Karen O’Connor
Saturday/Sunday, March 19 – 20
9 AM – 5 PM
This course is an intensive introduction to women and politics. Students in the course gain an understanding of the historical struggle of women for political, economic, and educational rights, as well as the major actors who were or continue to be involved in these efforts.

APRIL

GOVT 485/685.003
Politics and Policy of Reproductive Rights
Karen O’Connor
Saturday/Sunday, April 9 – 10
9 AM – 5 PM
This short course will cover the history of contraceptive and abortion law in the U.S. from colonial times to the present. As the U.S. Congress and various states continue to enact abortion restrictions, it will be impossible to discuss all of the issues surrounding abortion and reproductive rights, drawing on the experiences of experts to highlight the continued debate on the issue.

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