



WOMEN & POLITICS INSTITUTE  
SCHOOL of PUBLIC AFFAIRS

## Fall 2019 3-Credit Courses

**GOVT 482/682.001** 3 Credit

*Women and Politics*  
Elizabeth Sherman

Women and Politics (3) 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. Prerequisite: GOVT-110. Restriction: minimum 2.5 GPA.

**GOVT 485/685.001** 3 Credit

*Women, Law & Litigating for Social Change*  
Karen O'Connor

This course provides an understanding and overview of the historical efforts of women to participate fully in the legal process as well as their impact on that process. Students gain an understanding of the day-to-day constraints faced by, as well as contributions made by, women lawyers and judges, and think critically about the impact of how women in the legal process are portrayed in the media. The course consists of class lectures and insights from women who have participated in the legal system in a variety of roles from the state and local to the national level. Prerequisite: GOVT-110. Restriction: minimum 2.5 GPA

## WEEKEND COURSES

**GOVT 485/685.002** 1 Credit

*Women in the Legal Profession*  
Karen O'Connor

September 28-29 (9AM-5PM)

Women in the Legal Profession (1) This course provides students with an understanding of historical efforts for women to become members of the legal profession and the discrimination women have experienced as lawyers and judges. Students think critically about how women are portrayed in the media, look at the influence women have had at the level of the U.S. Supreme Court, and hear from women involved in the legal process in a variety of venues. Prerequisite: GOVT-110. Restriction: minimum 2.5 GPA

**GOVT 485/685.003** 1 Credit

*Women, Politics and the Media*  
Amanda Fuchs Miller  
September 21-22 (9AM-5PM)

Women, Politics and the Media (1) This course acquaints students with important issues dealing with women, politics, and the media. Women make up only 23.4% of the House of Representatives, 25% of the U.S. Senate, and 28.5% of state legislatures. Women are also underrepresented on the campaign trail as political journalists. Critics argue that news stories about women candidates, elected officials, and women's issues often fail to generate news coverage, and when they are covered by media, they receive distinctly different coverage. Students in this course weigh the evidence surrounding these assertions by investigating the academic research, hearing first-hand accounts from experts in the field, and looking at real-life examples to examine the differences in political coverage.

**GOVT 485/685.005** 1 Credit

*The Suffrage Centenary in 2020*

Lucy Gettman

September 14-15 (9AM-5PM)

The Suffrage Centenary in 2020 (1) Passed by Congress June 4, 1919, and ratified on August 18, 1920, the Nineteenth Amendment to the U.S. Constitution granted women the right to vote. This course explores the politics and policy around ratification and its impact on 100 years of women's history.

**GOVT 485/685.006** 1 Credit

*She Votes. She Leads.*

Betsy Fischer Martin

October 5 (9AM-5PM); November 9 (9AM-5PM)

She Votes. She Leads. (1) Students in this course examine the impact of women's engagement in contemporary U.S. politics. The course focuses on gender differences in American political behavior and the importance and influence of women voters. The course covers historical patterns of participation and outreach but pays special attention to women voters in the 2018 midterm elections.

**GOVT 485/685.007** 1 Credit

*Women, Leadership, Politics & Power*

Laura Cox Kaplan

October 26 (9AM-5PM); November 16 (9AM-5PM)

This course explores what makes women unique as leaders and the challenges that tend to impact women more acutely than men. Students look at and discuss leadership competencies and the science behind confidence and risk taking and explore specific tools and practices to reduce self-doubt, while also increasing confidence and leadership potential.

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**Additional Courses that count towards the Women, Policy,  
and Political Leadership (WPPL) Certificate Program**

**3-Credit Courses**

**AFAM-396.001** *Select Topics: Black Queer Studies*  
**ANTH-215.001/002** *Sex, Gender & Culture*  
**ANTH-635.001** *Race, Gender & Social Justice*  
**AWST-396.002** *Select Topics: Women in Arab Cinema*  
**GOVT 486/686.001** *Feminist Political Theory*  
**HIST -219.001** *Women in America to 1850*  
**HIST-482.002** *Research Seminar: The History of the Body*  
**HLTH-323.001** *Issues in Women's Health*  
**SISU-260.001/002/004/005** *Identity, Race, Gender & Culture*  
**SISU-310.003** *Topics Peace/Glb Sec/Con Res: Gender and Conflict*  
**SIS-648.001** *Gender and Development*  
**WGSS-225.001/002** *Gender, Politics & Power*  
**WGSS-240.001** *Sexualities Studies*  
**WGSS-350.002** *Gender and Violence*  
**WGSS-350.003** *Body and Society*  
**WGSS-350.005** *Geography of Gender/Development in Africa*  
**WGSS-400/600.001** *Feminist, Gender, Sexuality Theory*  
**WGSS-496.001** *Transnational Feminist Film*  
**WGSS-496/696.002** *Sexual Exploitation Industries*

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