

How to Apply:

Admission Requirements

- Application Form
- Personal Statement
- Transcript (official or unofficial)
- Academic Recommendation
- Processing Fee

Tuition / Fees

\$3,615 includes:

- Three College Credits
- Daily Lunch
- Field Trips

Admission Deadline

We must receive completed applications (under one cover) no later than **April 1, 2011**.

For more information, contact:

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Women & Politics Institute's Summer Session

College Program for
High School Students

Summer 2011
June 20th - July 1st



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Women, Policy & Political Leadership

A Message from the Director

Eighty-nine nations surpass the United States in the percentage of women serving in the national legislature. In the U.S. Congress, 83 percent of the members are men. Three-quarters of statewide elected officials and state legislators are men. Men occupy the governor's mansion in 44 of the 50 states. And men run City Hall in 93 of the largest 100 cities across the country.

The Women & Politics Institute strives to close the gender gap in political leadership. We provide young women with academic training that encourages them to become involved in the political process. We facilitate faculty and student research so as to enhance our understanding of the challenges women face in the political arena.

We offer the only Graduate and Undergraduate Certificates in Women, Policy, and Political Leadership in the country. We give women the skills necessary to run for public office, pursue a variety of political careers, and develop their leadership capabilities. And our new Summer Session expands these opportunities to pre-college students.

I invite you to learn more about the Women & Politics Institute, and I hope you will join us in making history as we move more women into positions of political leadership.

Thank you,

Jennifer L. Lawless
 Director, Women & Politics Institute
 Associate Professor of Government



Jennifer L. Lawless graduated from Union College in Schenectady, New York, with a B.A. in political science. She received an M.A. and Ph.D. in political science from Stanford University.

A nationally recognized expert on women's involvement in politics, she is co-author (with Richard L. Fox) of the book, *It Still Takes a Candidate: Why Women Don't Run for Office* (2010). She has published numerous articles in political science journals and has issued two policy reports on the barriers that impede women's candidate emergence. She currently serves as editor of *Politics & Gender*. From 2003 – 2009, she was an Assistant Professor of Political Science at Brown University.

Do you want to...

- earn three college credits before you even begin your freshman year of college?
- experience what it feels like to be a college student?
- hear from both scholars and practitioners about why so few women hold public office and why it's so important that more do?
- understand the barriers that women face on the campaign trail?
- ensure that your verbal and written communication skills meet college standards?

If you answered 'yes' to any of these questions, then the Women & Politics Institute's Summer Session is for you!



Course Description

In this course, we will address women's political participation over time, why so few women hold public office, and what women's numeric underrepresentation implies for democratic governance and public policy outcomes. We will do this by taking full advantage of Washington, D.C. The Summer Session blends a traditional seminar style classroom experience with field trips and guest speakers who are leading practitioners in the political arena.

Course Dates and Times

June 20, 2011 - July 1, 2011
 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM
 Monday - Friday

SAMPLE SCHEDULE: WEEK 1

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
9:00 - 12:00	Welcome & Course Overview	Introduction to Women & Politics	Women & Public Policy	Women, Campaigns & Elections	Women & Political Leadership
12:00 - 1:00	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch
1:00 - 4:00	Orientation Campus Tour	Special Topic: Guest Lecture	Field Trip	Special Topic: Guest Lecture	Field Trip