

## POLS 208: CONGRESS AND THE PRESIDENCY

This course explores the historical origins and contemporary operation of the United States Congress and the Presidency as separate but equal branches, with an emphasis on the unintended consequences of divided government and increased party polarization. Students will evaluate the institutional differences between Congress and the Presidency in representation, leadership, and processes through analysis of policymaking in domestic, budget, and foreign policy arenas. Students will also gain hands-on experience through a variety of simulations.

**Credits:** 3

**Department:** [Political Science](#)