This concentration explores political institutions and processes and how and why they work as they do. Courses use historical and contemporary examples to understand the political system the founders established and the ways it has shaped modern politics. Students study institutions such as the presidency, Congress, courts, the bureaucracy, and political parties, with a focus on their organization and on important patterns of behavior within them, such as interest group lobbying and campaigning.

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