



Graduate
Program
in Economics

Course: POLITICAL ECONOMY
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Description: This course is devoted to the study of political decision-making. Topics include: elections and voting, political equilibrium, political participation and agenda-setting; politician behavior; signaling, credibility and reputation; government efficiency; basic distributive politics; basic legislative models; and political agency.

Objective: Understand real world political phenomena using the tools of Economic Analysis and Game Theory.

References: “Political Game Theory” by Nolan McCarty and Adam Meirowitz (2007) Cambridge University Press.

Grading: Each student will have to do an inclass presentation of a paper from a reading list. In addition, each student will have to write a short research proposal.