

EAGLETON INSTITUTE OF POLITICS  
GRADUATE FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM IN POLITICS AND GOVERNMENT

**Fall Courses**

LEGISLATIVE POLICYMAKING

Course #: 34:833:520:01 (3 credits)

Day/Time: Mondays 1:10 – 3:50 pm

Location: Wood Lawn (home of Eagleton Institute of Politics) Douglass Campus, New Brunswick

Professor: Joseph Doria

Eligibility: Course required for Eagleton Fellows who receive Henry Raimondo Legislative awards. Class is also open to students in the Graduate School-New Brunswick, School of Public Affairs & Administration and Bloustein School of Planning and Public Policy

Synopsis: This seminar is designed to give students interested in public policy and legislation a sense and knowledge of how policies are adopted in the American political system. The focus is on state legislatures, where policies are enacted. Legislatures make policy through a number of processes, all of which take into account: the merits of the case, including the arguments of advocates and opponents and the evidence offered by analysis; strategies and tactics employed to win the majorities necessary for enactment; and responsiveness to the electoral and interest-group environment in the state and its constituencies. In order to examine policymaking in state legislatures, we will be looking at individuals, groups, institutions, and processes. The general questions to be considered are: how do legislatures generally work; how do they differ from state to state; and why do they work the way they do. The course will take into account legislatures throughout the nation; however, guest practitioners will give students a special look at the New Jersey Legislature.

EAGLETON SEMINAR IN AMERICAN POLITICS

Course #: 16:790:531:01 (3 credits)

Day/Time: Fridays 12:00 - 3:00 pm

Location: Wood Lawn (home of Eagleton Institute of Politics), Douglass Campus, New Brunswick

Professors: Peter McDonough & Joseph Doria

Eligibility: Course required for Eagleton Fellows who receive Governor's Executive, Harold and Reba Martin, and Eagleton Alumni awards. Class is closed to non-Eagleton students.

Synopsis: The Eagleton Seminar in American Politics explores the practical and human side of politics and policymaking. It focuses on how political institutions, political processes and political practitioners operate in the policy arena. The seminar investigates the ways by which political capital is accumulated and how it is expended. It looks at how decisions are made, compromises are struck and policies are enacted. The seminar pays close attention to the leadership traits that are common to successful political leaders from the executive and legislative branches. Participants investigate the practical and political considerations that must be weighed and balanced in the development of policies to address pressing public issues. The course also features a series of lectures by practitioners in politics, government and public affairs who have participated in resolving critical policy issues.