POLI 4029 Political Psychology Class Time: Tuesday and Thursday

9:00 10:20 am

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Course Description:

The goal of political science is to explain why citizens engage in certain types of political behavior, and how citizens think about politics. Psychology offers a way to explain how and why individuals behave the way they do. We will consider the role of personality, cognition, emotions, stereotypes, and group dynamics in politics, campaigns, and voting. Throughout the semester, we will learn about key concepts from psychology and we will apply these concepts to politics. We will also investigate how experimental methods can provide insight into what motivates political

Alternatively, you are welcome to ask other questions about political attitudes, voting behaviors, etc. Remember with your idea to think about what aspect of politics you want to explain with political psychology. This is worth 5% of the total paper grade and graded on a pass or fail basis. Keep in mind that while we will not conduct these studies this semester the projects should still be doable, and you may wish to carry out this research in your future studies. Also, note that all students must turn in a 1-paragraph description