POLS 4440: Comparative Democratization

3 Credit Hours

Prerequisite: POLS 1101

This course examines the process of democratization from a cross-national comparative perspective, with significant emphasis placed on the relationship between economic and political development. It begins with an examination of Western conceptions of democracy and the paths to democratic governance that Western states have taken. It then examines the concept of democracy through the lenses of non-Western cultures and values, and compares the distinct paths that states in each region of the world have taken toward democratization. In so doing, students critically analyze the merits of many controversial arguments put forth by political development scholars.

POLS 4444: Administrative Practices and Organization

3 Credit Hours

Prerequisite: POLS 1101

Problems of personnel, finance, administrative law, and the growth and significance of administrative legislation and adjudication.

POLS 4446: Governmental Budgeting

3 Credit Hours

Prerequisite: POLS 1101

This course is designed to introduce undergraduate students to the role of budgeting in the governmental process. Budgetary actors, their motivations, their stakes and their behaviors are investigated. Students examine the legislative process of the budget and budgetary implementation. Students are introduced to cutback management, funding mandates and other current issues in governmental budgeting.