In this course, we will examine politics and policymaking in the United States, placing particular emphasis on the economic, social, and political dynamics that influence policy outcomes. The first part of the course will look at the organization and operation of national policymaking institutions and the factors that influence the policymaking process. The second part of the course will analyze various areas of domestic and foreign policy, focusing on the current state of policy in areas such as criminal justice, healthcare, immigration, environmental protection, national security. The third and final part of the course will be a close examination of economic policymaking, including a section on how the economy works and how various economic policies are supposed to impact the economy.