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Congressional Leadership

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Course Reading List

1. Required Books

Roger H. Davidson and Walter Oleszek

Congress and Its Members

9th Edition

Barbara Sinclair

Unorthodox Lawmaking

2nd Edition

CQ Press 2000

ISBN 1-56802-510-6

Sarah Binder

Minority Rights, Majority Rule

Cambridge University Press 1997

ISBN 0 521 58792 1

Description

How do congressional leaders lead, and how do they get followers to follow? What are the tools and tasks of leaders? How do the forms of congressional organizations work? Is hierarchy dead on the Hill? Why do some leaders succeed and others fail? Focusing on leadership, the course will explore the connection between congressional leaders and the congressional organizations for which they are responsible. The course will supplement these theories with a study of illustrative cases and the literature on congressional leadership and organizational structure.

One paper will be required during the course: a 15- 18 page paper analyzing theories and concepts of congressional leadership and applying same to some real leadership experience derived from history, biography, or the material in the suggested reading list.

Criteria for judging the paper will be: 1) understanding of the course material; 2) introduction of illustrative material from personal experience or the literature; 3) the introduction of new material designed to show how the student has augmented the assigned readings and classroom discussion.

THIS PAPER IS DUE AT THE BEGINNING OF THE LAST CLASS!!!! YOU WILL NOT BE HAPPY WITH YOUR GRADE IF IT IS NOT TURNED IN ON TIME.

Grades will be determined on the following basis:
Classroom participation 30%
Paper 70%

Class 1.

Davidson and Oleszek pp. xi-85

Class 2

Davidson and Oleszek pp. 85-159

Class 3

Davidson and Oleszek pp. 159-231

Class 4

Davidson and Oleszek pp. 231-321

Class 5

Davidson and Oleszek pp. 321-end

Class 6

Binder pp. 1-43

Class 7

Binder pp. 43-86

Class 8

Binder pp. 86-167

Class 9

Binder pp. 167-end

Class 10

Sinclair pp. 1-82

Class 11

Sinclair pp. 82-143

Class 12

Sinclair pp. 143-184

Class 13

Sinclair pp. 184-end

Class 14

Paper is due and there will be an overview of the course