Spring 2025 POLSC 612

The Judicial Process

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MWF-10:30-11:20 AM

This course examines the structure and operation of the American judicial system in both criminal and civil courts. We will consider activities at all levels of our legal system, ranging from lawyers, juries, litigants, and state trial courts all the way to the U.S. Supreme Court.

Topics of discussion include the propriety of judicial policy making, the politics of judicial selection, the politics of criminal justice, legal representation for the poor, the effectiveness of the jury system, tort reform, the litigiousness of American society, and challenges to constitutionalism and the rule of law.

