



In this course we will explore various abstract theories of democracy and engage with the practice of American democracy firsthand and at its highest level.

We will analyze classic texts in political philosophy and contemporary texts in political theory in order to ask and attempt to answer such questions as: Which good or goods is democracy meant to promote? How can it best promote them? What challenges does democracy face? How can it best overcome them? We will also observe key democratic processes and interact with key democratic players in Washington D.C. in order to determine which and how well these abstract democratic theories are realized in our concrete practices.

Teaching the course in Washington D.C. makes it possible for students to engage with the practice of American democracy first hand and at its highest level. Only in D.C. is it possible for students personally to observe debates in the US Congress and oral arguments before the Supreme Court and only there is it possible for them personally to interact with representatives from various federal bureaucratic agencies, members of Congress and their staffs, influential lobbyists, and representatives from various national interest/advocacy groups. Indeed, only in D.C. do all of these key democratic processes and players converge.



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Program Features

- J-term program
- PHIL 228 counts for 4 PLU credits under one of these categories:
 - Department credit
 - GenEd credit

PROGRAM COST

\$3,300

Costs include

- Lodging
- Program related transportation
- Most program related activity expenses

APPLICATION PROCEDURE

- Application deadline for current students is November 1, 2014
- Non-refundable deposit of \$50.00 required with the application
- A \$250.00 non-refundable payment to confirm participation in the course is due within 10 days of notification of acceptance

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