

PSCI 4341-880: MEDIA & POLITICS IN THE U.S.

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In this course, we will examine the role of media in the U.S. political process from a behavioral and institutional perspective. We will start the course with an overview of the current state of research on the roles of media in politics. Then, we will turn to how technological developments in the 21st century have changed the media system and the political process. Finally, we will examine how media can or should be used to foster political engagement in a democratic system, such as the U.S. In the course, we will use coverage of the campaign for the upcoming 2024 election as a case study for understanding the ideas we are learning in the course.