Nebraska Wesleyan University

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Course:

POLSC 2700 Women and Politics

4 hours

Majors, Minors & Degrees:

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Gender and Sexuality Studies (B.A., B.S.) Political Science (B.A., B.S.)

Minors

International Policy

Departments/Programs:

Political Science

This course provides a comprehensive exploration of the role of women in the political process. It examines the historical and contemporary participation of women in political institutions, movements, and advocacy efforts. Students will analyze the barriers and opportunities women face in achieving political representation and leadership, as well as the impact of social, cultural, and institutional factors on their engagement. The course also delves into the ways in which women influence and are affected by policy decisions, particularly those related to issues such as gender equality, reproductive rights, workplace equity, education, healthcare, and family policy. This course invites students of all genders to engage in thoughtful discussions and develop insights into the broader implications of gender dynamics in shaping democratic governance.