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Judicial Politics and the Supreme Court

New student admissions for
summer 2024 are open.



Program Highlights

- Learn about the various levels of the courts while exploring a 35-year old grievance that has transformed the U.S. Supreme Court and its controversial judicial nomination process.
- Discover how the judicial system operates at all levels, federal, state appellate and district courts.
- Analyze the impact of political pressures on the judicial branch from local courts to the U.S. Supreme Court.
- Explore the law school admissions process and teaching methodologies.



2024 Dates

- Session 1: June 30 - July 12



Academic Program Overview

In their first class, students will be introduced to a challenging case. Over the course of the entire program, they will fight for their side's victory until the final decision is ultimately made by the judge. Along the way, the legal teams need to select a jury, craft and present opening arguments, and explain evidence, as well as prepare witnesses for cross-examinations and finish with a strong closing argument. By using an experiential learning approach, students will quickly engage in the topic, and the instructor introduces the underlying theory and concepts as students tackle these issues while trying to win their case.

In the program at Cal Poly, students will focus on the current American judicial politics involving the U.S. Supreme Court. This course covers the internal politics of the legal profession, examines law school admissions and teaching methodologies; issues and challenges within the profession; explore how judges are selected; analyze the economic realities of dispute resolution; and, the influences of judicial decisions, with particular attention on the U.S. Supreme Court.



Excursions

Students may get a chance to visit a local courtroom, meet with local law enforcement, and tour the prestigious Law Library within the historic Robert E. Kennedy library.

Instructors

Instructor for Cal Poly - Allen Settle, Professor Emeritus, former Mayor of the City of San Luis Obispo, & current City Councilmember

Allen Settle is the former 4-term former mayor of the City of SLO and is currently serving his fifth term as a City Councilmember. He also serves on the SLO Airport Land Use Commission, the Local Agency Formation Commission, and the League of Cities Revenue and Taxation Committee. He works with the Senior Executive Policy Center on emergency management matters in Washington D.C. as it relates to financial cost recovery for disasters, land use, and litigation issues associated with how government and insurance companies respond to emergencies and disasters. Allen has taught American Constitutional Law, civil rights, American government, urban/state/local government, public finance, and public personnel administration at Cal Poly.

Tuition Information:

- Includes: all meals, lodging, excursions, academic course, weekend excursions
- Excludes: optional airport pickup and drop-off service (available for an additional fee)
- Price: \$5,298

Supplements:

- Application fee: \$99 (mandatory, nonrefundable)
- Tuition Protection Plan: Allows for cancellation for any reason up until the day of the program. Click [here](#) for more info.

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Course Structure

There are nine three-hour class sessions over the two-week course. During week one, students have class from 9 a.m.-noon, Monday - Friday. During week two, students have class from 9 a.m.-noon Monday through Thursday. Wednesday afternoons are dedicated to additional academic time (excursions, speakers).



Typical Schedule

8:00 a.m.	Breakfast
9:00 a.m.	Academic Course
Noon	Lunch
1:30 p.m.	Academic Excursion/ Recreational Activity
3:30 p.m.	Enrichment Elective
6:00 p.m.	Dinner
7:00 p.m.	Evening Activites
10:30 p.m.	RA Check-in

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