

Introductory Sequence

GVT 110 – Introduction to American Democracy

In this course, you will learn about the institutions of American government and politics, and about the ideas behind those institutions. You will also learn about contemporary public issues, and how the political process works to resolve issues and solve problems. A solid understanding of the American political system will serve as a basis of comparison when you study the politics of other countries and of the international system.

GVT 120 – Research Methodology

Most Government courses will assign one or more research papers. In this course, you will acquire the skills to write *good* research papers, and to do excellent research. You will learn the steps in writing a research paper, how to collect information, and how to analyze that information. Statistical analysis will be introduced (however, if you want a thorough understanding of statistics you should also take GVT 201), as will qualitative analysis. Polling as a research method will be addressed; in the spring semesters, you will have the opportunity to get involved in the annual student political poll.