

Honors 1230—Tues/Thursday 11:00 to 12:15 This class will satisfy a General Education Social Science requirement, as well as the American History and Government University Requirement.

The class will be taught by our new full-time Honors Lecturer, Chad A. Hankinson

Why Americans Hate Politics and Why It Matters

On average, voter turnout on a presidential election is approximately 52%. Only 47% of Americans say they trust the federal government to do what “is right” all of the time or nearly all of the time. These statistics illustrate the increasing levels of dissatisfaction and disengagement of the American people. Why is it that Americans seem to hate politics and why does that matter?

This course will address these two questions, as well as other important questions. Topics will include, but not limited to: the media, presidential campaigns, political parties, public opinion and foundations of our democracy. As a result of this class, students will be able to understand the American government and their important roles in that system.

Students will participate in class discussions, write short reaction papers, and two to three writing assignments.