

GOVERNMENT/POLITICS LAW (GOVPL)

GOVPL 952: Administrative Law

3 Credits

This course is an introduction to the law of the administrative state - to the constitutional, statutory and judge-made rules governing what agencies may do, the procedures they must follow, and how they can be held to account. Topics include mechanisms for control of agencies by the legislative and executive branches; the constitutional basis for, and limits on, governance by agencies; the availability and effects of judicial review over agency action; and the features of agency rulemaking and adjudication.

GOVPL 954: Election Law

2 Credits

This course covers federal and state election law and will examine the constitutional basis for the regulation of elections, the development of the law in this area over the last 30 years, as well as criminal and civil enforcement of the law, the role of the Federal Election Commission, the formation and regulation of political action committees, as well as related federal tax law provisions impacting operation of political committees and advocacy organizations. The course will also examine the intersection of the election law with congressional ethics rules, lobbying regulations and representation of political candidates and entities in election law matters.

GOVPL 987: State and Local Government Law

3 Credits

This course introduces students to the law governing how subnational governments are organized and operate in the United States. The course is structured around three sets of legal relationships: between municipalities and states, between different municipalities, and between municipalities and their citizens. Specific topics to be covered include local government formation and boundary change; local voting rights; local provision of services; and state and local finance.

GOVPL 997: Special Topics

1-12 Credits/Maximum of 12

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