Student Congress

So you think you want to run for Congress? In this course, students learn about law making by participating in a simulated Congress. We will start by introducing the rules that structure and govern the US Congress. Then students will be introduced to theories of representation and cooperative behavior. We will learn about how these theories help us predict how people will act under different circumstances. This will provide some explanation regarding why Congress works the way it does and how lawmakers arrive at the decisions they do. Students will use the classroom and an online portal to run their own legislature. They will work together (and at times in opposition) to pass legislation. At the end of the course, students will assess their strengths and weaknesses as a legislator and predict their chances for reelection.