

**NEW AMERICAN POLITICS COURSE FOR SPRING 2007 – No Prerequisites**

# **POLS 317: The Legislative Process**

**(The U.S. Congress)**

CRN 28441 - MWF 10:00-10:50 a.m. - Dr. Christopher N. Lawrence



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After 12 years of Republican control, the Democrats have taken back the House and Senate. What better time to study the world's most powerful law-making body?

In this class, we will look at the development of the modern Congress; the importance of congressional campaigns and elections; Congress' relationship with the courts, the president, and the bureaucracy; the positions of parties, leaders and the committee system; and the central role of our national legislature in setting domestic and foreign policy.

This course counts toward American Politics requirement of the political science major and minor, as well as the A&S core social science requirement.