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Winning the White House: The Evolution of the Presidency



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Harry S. Truman once described the presidency as “the most peculiar office in the world.” In this course, we will explore how the Founding Fathers left the office for future presidents to define, creating conditions for a dramatic expansion of executive power. We will examine how the presidency has come to dominate the three co-equal branches, with Congress and the Supreme Court at times ceding authority. We will consider how and why this shift occurred, how this peculiar office is won or lost, how they have exercised power, and how the rise of the administrative state has reshaped the balance envisioned by the framers.

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TUESDAYS, SEPTEMBER 29 THROUGH NOVEMBER 9

8 a.m. PT | 9 a.m. MT | 10 a.m. CT | 11 a.m. ET

Each live session is 90 minutes

- Tuesday, September 29
- Tuesday, October 6
- Tuesday, October 13
- Tuesday, October 20
- Tuesday, October 27
- Tuesday, November 3

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