



SALVE

SUMMER INSTITUTE OF POLITICS

DAY ONE

12:00 PM to 2:00 PM

Young Building

Move In

Check in and receive your room assignment.

2:00 PM to 3:30 PM

Young Building

Welcome, Pre-Survey, and Ice-Breakers

Gather, meet your fellow students, the whole staff, and receive the final agenda for the week.

3:30 PM to 3:45 PM

Reset Break

3:45 PM to 5:15 PM

Depart and Return: Young Building

Campus Tour

Get a lay of the land of the Salve campus, where the library is, the dining hall and more.

5:15 PM to 5:30 PM

Reset Break

5:30 PM to 6:30 PM

Young Building

Introduction to Civic Engagement

Civic engagement is a relatively common term, but what it look likes in practice tends to be less clear. In this session, we will cover a brief introduction to civic engagement and share with you how you can practice civic engagement in your own community.

6:30 PM to 7:30 PM

Young Building

Dinner

Cookout

7:30PM to 8:30 PM

Young Building

Leading & Communication in Difficult Times

The 21st century is unfolding at an unprecedented pace with exponential complexity. In this session, we'll learn how effective communication and leadership qualities are necessary in today's work environment.

8:30 PM to 10 PM

Young Building

Game Night

10:00 PM
Wallace Hall

Return to Residence Hall

11:00 PM

Lights Out

DAY TWO

7:30 AM to 8:30 AM
Miley Dining Hall

Breakfast
Get some fuel for your day.

8:30 AM

Transit Time

9:00 AM to 10:30 AM
Young Building

Simulation: Negotiating Complex Issues
We'll practice having difficult yet productive political conversations while striving to understand opinions that vary from our own in this debate-style simulation.

10:30 AM to 10:45 AM

Reset Break

10:45 AM to 11:30 AM
Young Building

The American System

The American political system is a work in progress--it always has been. In this workshop, we'll explore the history, the players, the unique characteristics, and the challenges in the American system of government.

11:30 AM to 12:00PM

Transition Break

12:00 PM to 1 PM
Miley Dining Hall

Lunch

1:00 PM to 2:30 PM
McKillop Library

Introduction to Policy Project and University Research

Over the course of the week, you are going to develop a policy proposal. We'll start with an overview of the project's expectations, provide an introduction to the research resources available in the library, and then we'll work together to frame and scope your research before starting your work.

2:30 PM to 2:45 PM

Reset break

2:45 PM to 3:30 PM
McKillop Library

Political Communications

Politics is about communications--timely, clear, and

persuasive communication.

3:30 PM to 4:00 PM

Transition Break

4:00 PM to 4:30 PM

Transport

Depart from Young Building

4:30 PM to 6:00 PM

Fort Adams

Tour of Fort Adams

Newport has a long history as a military town. As we tour Fort Adams—a 19th century fort at the mouth of Narraganset Bay—we'll talk about some of the contemporary national security challenges facing the United States today and contrast them with the threats the fort was built to counter.

6:00 PM to 6:30 PM

Transport

6:30 PM to 7:30 PM

Miley Dining Hall

Dinner

7:30 PM to 10:00 PM

Scavenger Hunt + Library Open

10:00 PM

Wallace Hall

Return to Residence Hall

11:00 PM

Lights Out

DAY THREE

7:30 AM to 8:30 AM

Miley Dining Hall

Breakfast Available

8:30 AM

Transit Time

9:00 AM to 10:00 AM

Young Building

Polarization in American Politics

'Polarization' has become a buzzword; we hear how politically polarized the American public is from our politicians, the media, and our friends and family. But how polarized are we really? In this workshop, we'll explore the various factors of political polarization in the United States, adding nuance to a generally over-simplified narrative.

10:00 AM to 11:00 AM

Young Building

Voting Rights and Voter Suppression

The right to vote is one of the most important rights we

have as American citizens. However, for many Americans, it has been a long struggle to earn what is taken for granted today.

11:00 AM to 11:30 AM

Transition break

11:30 AM to 12:30 PM

Miley Dining Hall

Lunch

12:30 PM to 2:00 PM

McKillop

Civic Engagement in Practice

What does it mean to be an engaged citizen? In this session we will explore different avenues to use your voice to effect change and learn what tools you can leverage to make the biggest impact.

2:00 PM to 4:00 PM

McKillop

Project and Research

Continue development and research of your policy proposal.

4:00 PM to 5:00 PM

McKillop

The Role of the Press in Politics

The American media has long played an important role in the civic life of the country. In this session we'll talk about the role of the media in 2025, the challenges of covering politics in a polarized era, and the enduring importance of a free-press.

5:00 PM to 5:30 PM

Transit Break

5:30 PM

Depart from McKillop Library

Transit to Washington Square, Newport

6:00 PM to 7:30 PM

Newport Walking Tour

7:30 PM

Return to McKillop Library

Transit to Campus

8:00 PM

Library?

Pizza and Open Work Session + Library

10:00 PM

Wallace Hall

Return to Residence Hall

11:00 PM

Lights Out

DAY FOUR

7:30 AM to 8:30 AM

Miley Dining Hall

Breakfast Available

8:30 AM

Transit time

9:00 AM to 10:30 AM

Young Building

Simulation: Counter Terrorism

In a national security crisis, a premium is placed on sound decision making. In this simulation, you will explore the contours of a terrorist attack and how the U.S. government might respond in the immediate moments of the crisis.

10:30 AM to 10:45 AM

Reset Break

10:45 AM to 12:00 PM

Young Building

Project and Research

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12:00 PM to 1:00 PM

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Lunch

1:00 PM to 2:00 PM

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AI, Biotech, and Public Policy

Humanity is on the verge of a superconvergence where artificial intelligence, bio-technology, and agriculture transform lives and livelihoods.

2:00 PM to 3:00 PM

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Project and Research

Continue development and research of your policy proposal.

3:00 PM to 3:30 PM

Reset Break

3:30 PM

Depart from Young Building

Transport

4:00 PM to 5:30 PM

Newport Harbor Sail

Newport in the summer is a city of sails. We'll enjoy a summer cruise in Narragansett Bay on the *Schooner Aurora*. (Boxed Early Dinner on Board)

5:30 PM to 6:00 PM

Transport

6:00 PM to 6:30 PM

Transition Break

6:30 PM to 8:00 PM

Lecture

Lawn at Ochre Court

Join us for a "Seaside Chat" with other members of the Newport Community.

8:00 PM to 10:00 PM

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Late Dinner

10:00 PM

Wallace Hall

Return to Residence Hall

11:00 PM

Lights Out

DAY FIVE

7:30 AM to 8:30 AM

Miley Dining Hall

Breakfast Available

8:30 AM

Transit Time

9:00 AM to 10:00 AM

McKillop Library

Stakeholder Engagement

Accomplishing anything politically requires an understanding of who the stakeholders are on any given issue--the people with something to lose depending on outcomes--and a plan to engage them productively. In this session, we'll consider a case study about stakeholders and consider how that might be applicable in other fields.

10:00 AM to 11:00 AM

McKillop Library

Understanding Polling

Polls are ubiquitous in modern politics--from the horse-race polling that dominates the media to more sophisticated surveys that shine light on public attitudes to complex issues. In this session, you'll gain a deeper understanding of what makes a poll "good" and what makes it less reliable.

11:00 AM to 11:30 AM

Transit Break

11:30 PM to 1:00 PM

Miley Dining Hall

Lunch

1:00 PM to 4:00 PM

McKillop Library

Project and Research: Prep for Poster Walk

This is the time to finalize the materials for your poster-walk, practice your pitch, and get dressed for the session.

Library cafe open.

4:00 PM to 4:30 PM

Transition Break

4:30 PM to 6:00 PM

Young Building

Poster Walk

We're inviting guests to hear your policy ideas. Consider this practice for the Policy Shark Tank on Friday. **NOTE: Business Casual Attire Requested.**

6:00 PM to 7:00 PM

Young Building

Dinner

7:00 PM

Transit Time

7:30 PM to 10:00 PM

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Movie Night

10:00 PM

Wallace Hall

Return to Residence Hall

11:00 PM

Lights Out

DAY SIX

7:30 AM to 8:30 AM

Miley Hall

Breakfast Available

8:30 AM

Transit Time

9:00 AM to 10:30 AM

Young Building

Simulation: Negotiating Complex Issues (II)

10:30 AM to 10:45 AM

Reset break

10:45 AM to 12:00 PM

Young Building

Foreign Policy Challenges

Open warfare in Eastern Europe and the Middle East threaten stability regionally, and--perhaps--even globally. In this session, we'll talk about how American leaders might best contribute to ending these conflicts and preventing others.

12:00 PM to 1:00 PM

Young Building

Lunch

1:00 PM to 2:00 PM

Elections, the Press, and Disinformation

Young Building

The information eco-system in the United States faces economic and political pressure. We'll discuss the importance of journalism, the threat of foreign disinformation, and the impact of both on American elections.

2:00 PM to 3:00 PM

Goal setting based on leadership strengths

Join the peer mentors to learn about strategic goal setting, both short and long-term.

3:00 PM to 4:30 PM

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Presentation Prep

One last chance to hone your pitch for the Policy Shark Tank

4:30 PM to 6:00 PM

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Policy Shark Tank

This is the moment we've been building towards: show us what you've learned and what you've developed and pitch your policy idea to all of us.

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Dinner

7:30 PM to 10:00 PM

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Karaoke

10:00 PM

Wallace Hall

Return to Residence Hall

11:00 PM

Lights Out

DAY SEVEN

8:00 AM to 9:00 AM

Young Building

Breakfast Available

BRING YOUR LUGGAGE FOR DEPARTURES

9:00 AM to 10:30 AM

Young Building

Reflection and Post Survey

This is it--we're at the end. What did you learn this week? What did you want more of? What are your take aways, now, a week later?

10:30 AM to 11:30 AM

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Departures