This course will introduce you to the study of gender in U.S. politics. We will explore the origins and history of women as political participants. We will examine the representation of women as voters, candidates, and officeholders addressing questions such as: What is the gender gap? Are voters and/or the media biased against candidates based on gender? Does gender affect the way government officials govern? We will also explore the role of gender in policy areas such as reproductive and LGBTQ rights, as well education and employment equality.