

Course Offering: So You Want to Run for Office?

Tuesdays

2:00 - 4:50 p.m.

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Much has been said about what it takes to run for office and become an elected official, often by journalists and pundits with little to no hands-on experience. In this course, students will be guided through each level of government by an experienced practitioner who has served at the local, state, and federal levels and worked in the private sector. This course will inform students on how to run for office and be an effective public servant. Students will understand how legislation is crafted and what role special interest groups play in policy-making. Finally, members of the class will be able to see how each level of government, special interest groups, the private sector, and appointees interact with each other.

There are courses that offer students insight into the complex nature of policy-making and campaigns. What makes this course different is students will learn all of these aspects of government from someone who has served at each level of government and worked extensively in the private sector. Students will gain insights from their assignments and from class discussions as well as guest lecturers who will provide even more experienced insight into specific aspects of running for office and life as an elected official.

Meet the Instructor: Congresswoman Mimi Walters



Former U.S. Representative Mimi Walters represented California's 45th district in Orange County from 2015-2019. Mimi served on the influential House Energy and Commerce Committee as a member of the Communications and Technology, Digital Commerce and Consumer Protection, and Oversight and Investigations subcommittees. She also served on the House Ethics Committee

Prior to her election to the U.S. House of Representatives, Walters served in both the California State Senate and Assembly. She started her career in public service on the Laguna Niguel City Council and served as Mayor in 2000.

Mimi is a co-founder of the California Women's Leadership Association (CWLA) and has previously served on the Boards of the National Association of Women Business Owners, The American Cancer Society, and the South Coast Medical Center Foundation.

