FCGL 0202. LAW OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK. (2 to 3 Credits)
The seminar examines the intersection of law and urban policy that makes New York City so fascinating and distinctive. Questions of authority, structure, and individual rights play a central but unheralded role in nearly every aspect of the life and governance of New York City. The course begins with an introduction to the division of power between the state and local governments. We then move to the distribution of power within local government by examining intra-local conflicts, such as those between the Mayor and the City Council. We then turn to a study of significant City institutions. Finally, the course turns to current events. I have selected several issues for us to explore but I may change the syllabus based on current events. We will select additional issues together during the first weeks of class based on your interests. In my view, it is important for you to hear from and engage with scholars and practitioners in the field. Thus, many of our classes will include guest speakers. The course will be highly interactive and student participation will be an important component.

Attribute: PIE.

FCGL 0260. CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS & HUMAN RIGHTS IN COMPARATIVE PERSPECTIVES. (2 to 3 Credits)
This seminar will compare the international law of human rights with the constitutional law of rights in the United States and other national systems. The seminar will examine the history, theory, and sources of rights in these systems, the institutions for implementing them, and the remedies for violations. The course is largely organized around comparing the treatment of particular rights in various systems: for example, equality (with a focus on race, gender, sexuality, and marriage equality), speech rights and privacy (on and off line), and economic and social rights. Students will develop papers on policy projects concerning cutting edge human rights matters, working in teams, under the supervision of the professor.

Attributes: ICE, INLJ, PIE.

FCGL 0262. RELIGION, LAW & THE STATE. (2 to 3 Credits)
This seminar will examine the relationship among religious institutions, secular society, and the state. Readings and discussion will focus on the free exercise and establishment clauses of the U.S. Constitution but will also include comparative and international counterparts to these constitutional provisions as well as relevant readings in political theory. The course will consider such questions as the role of religious institutions in secular society, their relationship to the state, the degree to which religious minorities may demand exemption from the laws and norms of secular society, the accountability of such institutions under civil and criminal law, among others. Each student will be expected to participate in class discussion and submit a term paper. No final examination will be given. This course may be used to satisfy the writing requirement.

Attribute: INLJ.
FCGL 0299. LANGUAGE OF THE CONSTITUTION. (2 to 3 Credits)
Professor Brettschneider: Fall 2015<br>This seminar is designed to create a greater awareness and understanding of the Constitution, examining where the language of the Constitution comes from and what values were intended to be expressed insofar as can be ascertained. It focuses on the Constitution's language, history, and creation. Primary sources, rather than cases, will be the material and emphasis of the class: English constitutional developments, colonial charters, early state constitutions, the Records of the Constitutional Convention of 1787 and the Ratifying Debates, the Federalist Papers, and the debates in early congresses. The step by step development of the Constitution (including the Bill of Rights) forms a major part of the classes. Several modern issues will also be treated, for example: Security and Freedom, Succession, Continuity in Government, and Electoral Reform. There will also be several guest speakers during the Seminar.<p>Class participation comprises 15% of the Final Grade. Outside research for the papers will be evaluated based on three short papers (each 2000 words max), submitted both legal materials and non-legal historical materials. Students will be given that law school courses often focus on federal regulation and given that law school courses often focus on federal regulation and legal authority, public purpose, debt, securities regulation and disclosure obligations under the Federal antifraud statutes, and the contract clause. The language of the Constitution comes from and what values were intended to be expressed insofar as can be ascertained. It focuses on the Constitution's language, history, and creation. Primary sources, rather than cases, will be the material and emphasis of the class: English constitutional developments, colonial charters, early state constitutions, the Records of the Constitutional Convention of 1787 and the Ratifying Debates, the Federalist Papers, and the debates in early congresses. The step by step development of the Constitution (including the Bill of Rights) forms a major part of the classes. Several modern issues will also be treated, for example: Security and Freedom, Succession, Continuity in Government, and Electoral Reform. There will also be several guest speakers during the Seminar.<p>Class participation comprises 15% of the Final Grade. Outside research for the papers will be evaluated based on three short papers (each 2000 words max), submitted both legal materials and non-legal historical materials. Students will be given that law school courses often focus on federal regulation and legal authority, public purpose, debt, securities regulation and disclosure obligations under the Federal antifraud statutes, and the contract clause. We look at finance structures involving affordable housing and stadiums and we will have guest speakers to address these topics. 
Attribute: PIE.

FCGL 0317. FIRST AMENDMENT. (4 Credits)
This course covers many of the core issues of free speech, free press, freedom of religion, and the establishment clause. We will discuss Supreme Court cases, and surrounding commentary, on: political advocacy of unlawful action; fighting words; hate speech; libel; revelation of private facts; obscenity; pornography; commercial speech; prior restraints; content-based vs. content-neutral restrictions; the public forum doctrine; government speech, including government as educator; reporter's privilege; government as employer; the right not to speak and freedom of association; access to the mass media; broadcasting and content regulation; religious arguments in the lawmaker process; religious symbols in governmental space; prayer in public school; public funding of religious schools; and exemptions and accommodations for the practice of religion. Pre-requisites: Constitutional Law Four-credit courses that meet for 150 minutes per week require three additional hours of class preparation per week on the part of the student in lieu of an additional hour of formal instruction.
Attributes: INLJ, IPF, LMCO, PIE.
Prerequisite: FCGL 0102.

FCGL 0320. STATE & LOCAL GOVERNMENT. (3 Credits)
This course addresses the major issues facing state and local governments in a time of rapid change, including (1) the distribution of power between federal, state and local governments; (2) the forms, structure, powers, financing and liability of local governments; (3) how state legislatures, the judiciary, and the state executive branch share power; and (4) the relationship of state and local governments to public employees and residents. The course will concentrate on legal developments across the country, but it also will highlight key aspects of New York State and New York City law in order to ground students in the developing jurisprudence of a single jurisdiction. A key course goal is to highlight the immediate relevance of state and local governance, given that law school courses often focus on federal regulation and federal decision making. We will supplement the textbook with case studies after becoming familiar with the basic structure of state and local relationships. This course has an in-class exam.
Attribute: PIE.

FCGL 0361. CONSTITUTION & FOREIGN AFFAIRS. (2 Credits)
FCGL 0415. FIREARMS LAW. (2 Credits)
FCGL 0419. PUBLIC FINANCE LAW & PRACTICE. (2 or 3 Credits)
This course examines legal issues that arise, and finance techniques used, by governments, underwriters and borrowers in public finance transactions. We will cover the Puerto Rico financial crisis, the infamous WPPSS default, the NYC fiscal crisis, the financing of the Brooklyn Bridge, the privatization of Coney Island hospital and SEC proceedings on Miami, New Jersey, Harrisburg and Boston's Big Dig. Areas explored include legal authority, public purpose, debt, securities regulation and disclosure obligations under the Federal antifraud statutes, and the contract clause. We look at finance structures involving affordable housing and stadiums and we will have guest speakers to address these topics.
Attribute: LAWB.

FCGL 0609. Sharia and Secularism in MENA Constitutional Law. (2 Credits)
FCGL 0828. SLAVERY & THE CONSTITUTION. (2 Credits)
This course will explore the institution of slavery as it developed in North America and the impact it has had on the United States Constitution, both its drafting and its interpretation over time. We will read and discuss both legal materials and non-legal historical materials. Students will be evaluated based on three short papers (each 2000 words max), submitted during the course of the semester. Outside research for the papers will be allowed but not required. In addition to the papers, 1/4 of the final grade will be based on class participation.
Attributes: JD, LLM, LWR.