

GOVT 523 - Policy Methods and Practice

This course develops competencies in qualitative and quantitative techniques for collecting, analysing, interpreting and applying information and evidence to advance policy objectives particularly under conditions of complexity and uncertainty and in light of given task requirements.

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