

PUBLIC AFFAIRS ROUNDTABLE

SPRING SEMESTER 2026

Wednesdays –12:45 pm to 2:15 pm
OLLI Maryland Parkway Campus

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COURSE DESCRIPTION:

The class will provide a low-stress environment for discussion of important contemporary issues. Participants will be encouraged to present their points of view to class members with skilled facilitation by instructors. The course agenda will aspire to the highest levels of courtesy and mutual respect for differing opinions.

Week 1 – Wed 2/4	Course overview Public Affairs Issue Categories Discussion of Class Procedures
Week 2 – Wed 2/11	Polarization in the halls of Congress and State Legislatures
Week 3 – Wed 2/18	Taxpayer subsidies for medical insurance and medical care
Week 4 – Wed 2/25	The metamorphosis of the American media
Week 5 – Wed 3/4	Subsidizing NV economic development with major taxpayer incentives (sports & entertainment facilities, major events, film studios)
Week 6 – Wed 3/11	Ethics in Government 2026
3/16 through 3/20	SPRING BREAK
Week 7 – Wed 3/25	International quagmires (tariffs, pursuing drug cartels, Ukraine)
Week 8 – Wed 4/1	Money in politics and the changing profile of 2026 American voters
Week 9 – Wed 4/8	Mid-cycle Reapportionment of Congressional Districts
Week 10 – Wed 4/15	Round table on various topics Course recap

****Content/order/classes/speakers subject to change if necessary***