



Center for Leadership Development

Working with Congress for Federal Executives

Understanding Congress and knowing how to develop strategies to establish your working relationship with the Legislative Branch is critical if you are to respond appropriately to directives. This course will help you develop strategies for working with Congress. Your increased understanding of Congress will come not only from studying policy development, but also the politics and personalities that affect legislators.



Understand the Dynamics Affecting the Legislative Process

You will examine the key decision-makers in Congress, methods of influence on Congress, and the separation of powers grounded in our Constitutional framework. A case study will be used to probe the ins and outs of working with Congress. Visits with key players in the Capital Hill environment are supplemented by a mix of activities including group discussions, breakouts and the case study.

- Learn about the key actors in Congress and their motivations
- Understand the electoral pressures on members of Congress
- Examine the make-up and relative importance of committees and staff
- Determine the key Congressional decision makers affecting the Executive Branch
- Explore how and why special interests lobby Congress
- Develop strategies to deal more effectively with Congress as a Federal executive

POLICY AWARENESS

COMPETENCIES

- External Awareness
- Partnering
- Political Savvy
- Strategic Thinking

TUITION

\$2,870

DATE

Jul 21–23, 2015 EMDC–Union Square

LOCATION

EMDC–Union Square
999 North Capital Street, NE
Washington, DC, 20002

This training facility is located in Washington DC’s thriving NoMa submarket, just blocks from Capital Hill and Union Station.

To register, please visit the course page:

[HTTPS://LEADERSHIP.OPM.GOV/PROGRAMS.ASPX?C=164](https://leadership.opm.gov/programs.aspx?c=164)

“This was not just a class about Congress. It was a class about tactics and strategies for working with (and dealing with) congressional members, staff, and situations on the Hill. It was great. It was superbly orchestrated by the instructor. I’ve already recommended the class to several of my colleagues.”

Register Now for Dynamics of Working with Congress for Federal Executives

This course is designed for SES members, GS-15s and their equivalents in local, state and international government.



LEAD

This course meets the requirements for the Executive levels of the LEAD Certificate Program.

Leadership Education & Development Certificate Program—A complete leadership development curriculum for current and aspiring government leaders, providing official recognition of achievement at every level. For more info, go to <http://cldcentral.usalearning.net/mod/page/view.php?id=249>

SUGGESTED FOLLOW-ON COURSES

Federal Budgetary Policies and Processes
Strategic Planning for Federal Executives

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“This was the best OPM course that I have taken thus far. . . it was the most engaging, relevant, and applicable. The speakers are people who are engaged in work on Capital Hill currently and that made their insights extremely valuable.”

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Three Ways to Register

1. Register Online at <http://leadership.opm.gov>

Initiate course registration with your Government Purchase Card payment, the fastest way to reserve your space. Use your own agency-specific procurement forms. Once we have received your payment, you will receive confirmation within two business days.

2. Fax a Registration Form found online. This form can be used for courses at the Federal Executive Institute or Management Development Centers.

3. Contact a Representative Customer Service Office:

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