

New University of Pittsburgh GSPIA course for fall 2005

Digital Governance

(PUA 2290/CRN 20192 or LIS 2970/CRN 21140)

All Pitt & CMU Grad Students From All Disciplines Are Welcome



Being Fluent
with
INFORMATION
TECHNOLOGY

FREE CULTURE
HOW BIG MEDIA USES TECHNOLOGY AND THE LAW TO
LOCK DOWN CULTURE AND CONTROL CREATIVITY

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Room: 3200 WWPH

Governance has gone digital. Whether it is city managers hosting blogs, trade associations convening “virtual” meetings, metropolitan planners inviting public comments on the latest GIS-enabled land use projections, or a wide range of other digital governance innovations, the trends are clear both in and out of government. This class on “Digital Governance” will survey the governance structures and strategies now routinely mediated by digital information and communications technologies. Readings and exercises will build on the National Research Council’s notion of “Fluency with Information Technology” (FIT) as a central organizing principle for the course. Other texts will focus on the deliberative and democratic implications of new information and communications technologies. Students will engage in semester-long community-based projects to see first hand how being more FIT can inform and improve the efforts of those engaged in diverse forms of governance planning and collaboration.

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