

Welcome to Honors 12: Difference, Power, and Social Change!

In this course, we will seek to ask and answer some very large questions about power, politics, and the ways governments are built and operate. One of the first major questions we will explore is:

What is power, and how does it shape politics and society in the modern world?

To prepare for this discussion, you must complete the following readings before the first day of class:

- The Introduction and Chapter 1 (“Power”) from *Power: A Radical View* by Steven Lukes
- *Politics as a Vocation* by Max Weber

We will begin the year with a graded class discussion based on these readings for a formative score.

Following the discussion, you will complete an in-class timed essay responding to key questions raised by the texts and our conversation for a summative score.

I look forward to working with all of you this upcoming school year.

— Dr. Keener

[Power A Radical View - Stevens](#)

[Power as a Vocation - Weber](#)