

Benjamin Franklin Seminars (AS) {BENF}

BENF courses are multi-disciplinary seminars taught by visiting scholars or emeritus professors. These scholars bring their areas of special expertise to Penn undergraduates. The courses are often one-time seminars, not repeated in subsequent semesters.

BF 099. Independent Study (C). Prerequisite: Permission of the department. May be taken for multiple credits.

Specific studies under the direction of a faculty member. See website, <http://www.upenn.edu/curf/courses/benf-099> for proposal form and due dates.

BF 219. Judges and Judging (M). Bermant

Not for first-year students. Judges in law courts are bound to decide facts according to law and to find law in keeping with precedent, statutes, and the Constitution. How do judges shoulder this great responsibility when the cases before them involve highly politicized, morally charged, socially divisive issues about which the judge may have formed a strong personal opinion? The course will address this question through a reading of cases and commentary.