

# POLI 4001: Research Methods

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Monday, Wednesday, Friday 1:30-2:20  
Room 220, Stubbs Hall

## **Instructor Information**

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Office Hours: T/T 9-10:30 or by appt

## **Course Description**

This course is designed to introduce students to the logic of research design and the use of qualitative and quantitative methods of political science and for investigating political issues.

## GRADED ASSIGNMENTS AND COURSE REQUIREMENTS

Homework/Quizzes: There are 11 homework or quizzes scattered across the course. They are each worth 10 points. Your top 10 scores will be used in computing your grade.

Midterm--100 points

Final Exam--100 points

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Total = 300 Points

## MAKEUP AND LATE WORK

The scheduled dates of all exams and homework/quizzes are clearly indicated in this syllabus. No makeup exams or late papers will be accepted without my **prior approval**.

## Support for Students With Disabilities

If you have, or think you may have, a disability (including an “invisible disability” such as a learning disability, a chronic health problem, or a mental health condition) that interferes with your performance as a student in this class, you are encouraged to discuss your needs and arrange support services and/or accommodations through Disabilities Services. This instructor will be as flexible as possible to accommodate the needed services. Any student who has a concern or needs to make special arrangements for meeting the requirements of the course is encouraged to speak with the instructor.

## Academic Honesty Policy

Be sure that you understand the university’s Academic Honesty Policy. It is important that you refrain from any form of academic dishonesty or deception, such as cheating or plagiarism.

## Course Schedule

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Session and Date	
#1	PREPARATION: Read Chapter 1 & 2
8/24-8/28	ASSIGNMENTS: See Moodle, due 8/28
	TOPICS: <b>Introduction and The Empirical Approach to Political Science</b>
#2	PREPARATION: Read Chapter 3

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