This course will introduce students to the fundamentals of research design in political science. Topics covered include how to formulate research topics and research questions, the development of theory and empirically testable hypotheses, the design of data collection activities, and basic qualitative and quantitative data analysis techniques. A variety of approaches to empirical political science research will be covered, including experimental and quasi-experimental designs, survey research, small-N case selection, and comparative/historical comparisons.

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