**POLS 506: Qualitative Methods**

Rick Doner, Tuesday 1:00 – 4:00pm, MAX: 12

**Content:** Good social science research requires diverse methodological tools and shared standards. This course explores the diverse set of tools categorized as “qualitative.” Using a small number of cases or observations, these tools include various approaches to single cases, traditional cross-case comparisons, within-case process analysis, as well as more specific data-gathering strategies such as interviewing and historical records. We shall examine these tools with an eye to their particular and potential contribution to concept development and measurement, theory development, and theory evaluation. Overall, our concern is with establishing clear, high standards for qualitative research. Although most of the readings will be directly methodological, readings will also include several examples of qualitative scholarship, whether undertaken by itself or in conjunction with other methodologies.

**Particulars:** Students will write short papers on the weekly assignments and a longer paper proposing a qualitative research design in an area of the student's choosing.

**Texts:**
Rowman and Littlefield.

ISBN: 9780262572224
MIT Press.

**POLS 507: Research Design & Data Collection**

Micheal Giles, Tuesday 8:30 – 11:30am, MAX: 12

**Content:** This course is designed specifically for students in their first year of the Ph.D. program. It provides an introduction to the discipline, the philosophy of science and research design.

**Texts:** No texts ordered.
**POLS 508: Data Analysis**

Tom Clark, Monday 9:00am – 12:00pm, MAX: 12

**Content:** This course will introduce students to the philosophy and techniques of quantitative empirical political science. Students will gain basic skills in conceiving and conducting statistical analyses for their own research, in addition to becoming more informed readers of the quantitative research published in the major social science journals. Although some statistical theory will, by necessity, be covered, the emphasis of this course will remain primarily applied: how to prepare a dataset, choose an appropriate statistical procedure, estimate a model, and interpret and present your findings. Topics will span both descriptive and inferential statistics, including measures of central tendency and dispersion, probability, tabular analysis, and bivariate and multiple linear regression models. Students will also be taught and gain proficiency in statistical programming in R, an extremely flexible and powerful (and free!) software package that is becoming increasingly popular across the field of political science.

**Texts:**

Chapman & Hall CRC Press.

**POLS 514: Advanced Game Theory**

Cliff Carrubba, Friday 1:00 – 4:00pm, MAX: 12

**Content:** This course is the second in the formal theory sequence offered in the political science department. The class builds on the skills learned in the Introduction of Game Theory class by applying the solution concepts learned in the introductory course to more complicated games. The course will address many topics, including (but not limited to): social choice theory, bargaining, principal-agent relationships, and behavioral game theory (particularly quantal response approaches).

**Particulars:** Each student will be responsible for completing a problem set each week that reinforces the techniques learned in class will also be a midterm and a final exam.

**Texts:** No texts ordered.
POLS 519: International Political Economy

Eric Reinhardt, Monday 1:00 – 4:00pm, MAX: 12

Content: This is an advanced graduate course on international political economy. The course covers the politics of international trade, investment, and finance. Topics of special interest are the instruments of trade policy; pluralist and institutionalist domestic explanations of trade policy; international bargaining over trade; regional and multilateral trade institutions; the politics of international capital mobility, foreign direct investment, exchange rates, and foreign debt; the politics of financial crises; and regional economic integration.

Particulars: Class participation, literature review essays, take-home final exam.

Texts: No texts ordered.

POLS 540: American Government

Tom Clark, Wednesday 1:00 – 4:00pm, MAX: 12

Content: General survey of classic and recent research on major questions in American politics research. Topics include public opinion, mass media, voting and participation, elections, institutional theories, Congress, the Presidency, the bureaucracy, the judiciary, and inequality. The development of areas of research will be stressed, along with the theoretical frameworks dominant in substantive areas of inquiry.

Texts:
ISBN: 9780521407861
Cambridge University Press.

ISBN: 9780521675338
Cambridge University Press.

ISBN: 9780226452722
University of Chicago Press.

ISBN: 9780521619967
Cambridge University Press.
Princeton University Press.

Yale University Press.

Yale University Press.

Princeton University Press.

**POLS 570: Limited Dependent Variable Models**

Greg Martin, Wednesday 9:00am – 12:00pm, MAX: 12

**Content:** This course presents an overview of the likelihood theory of statistical inference, and its wide range of uses in applied quantitative political science. When dependent variables take the form of ordered or unordered categories, event counts, are censored or truncated, clustered, or otherwise violate the traditional assumptions of the linear regression model, models estimated by maximum likelihood provide an essential alternative. Topics covered include binary, multinomial, and ordered logit/probit, Poisson regression, Tobit regression, and mixture models. We will rely heavily on computational methods of analysis using the R statistical computing environment, and instruction on how to use R for applied research will be provided throughout the length of the course.

**Texts:**
Cambridge University Press.

Cambridge University Press.
POLS 585-00P: Variable Topics Seminar  
**Topic/Title:** The Worlds of Welfare Capitalism  

Thomas Remington, Thursday 8:30 – 11:30am, MAX: 12

**Content:** A large body of scholarship in political science examines the institutional arrangements linking economic production regimes, political institutions, and social policy in capitalist states. This seminar will review some of this literature, focusing particularly on the varieties of capitalist welfare regimes in advanced industrial democracies, East Asia, the postcommunist region and Latin America. Issues to be explored include relationships among firms, government and labor; gender and class relations; theories of institutional continuity and change; and the role of political institutions in mediating between social and economic development.

The readings will be available on Reserves Direct or on the seminar Blackboard site.

You are required to write a short (4-5 pp.) paper each week analyzing a single central issue addressed in the week's readings. The paper should succinctly address the contribution of each reading to the issue, and relate the readings to each other with respect to their treatment of the question you have identified. The issue chosen may concern a theoretical or methodological point. The paper should address the way the issue is framed, the nature of the evidence used to draw conclusions, and the implications of the discussion for the field. The paper should not attempt to summarize the readings, but rather to address their analytical bearing on the particular question selected.

**Particulars:** Each student will be allowed to skip two of the weekly papers. The paper is to be handed in at the beginning of each week's seminar session.

Each student's participation in discussion is crucial to the seminar. Accordingly, quality of participation overall will be weighted 30% in determining the final grade. The weekly papers will be weighted 70%.

**Texts:**
No texts ordered.
POLS 585-01P: Variable Topics Seminar  
**Topic/Title: Causal Inference**

Adam Glynn, Tuesday 8:30 – 11:30am, MAX: 12

**Content:** This course is designed to introduce students to several broad areas of causal inference using modern statistical approaches to both experimental and observational data. Topics include causal models, parametric and semiparametric estimation of treatment effects with measured confounding, interference between units, unmeasured confounding, direct and indirect effects. We will also discuss papers demonstrating how some of these concepts and methods have been applied in the social sciences.

**Particulars:** POLS 509 and 570 or equivalents are prerequisites. Other particulars to be announced.

**Texts:** No texts ordered.

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POLS 585-02P: Variable Topics Seminar  
**Topic/Title: Interdisciplinary Perspectives on Human Rights**

David Davis, Edward Queen, Dabney Evans, Wednesday 8:00 – 11:00am, MAX: 12

**Note:** This course is also being taught as Global Health 526

**Content:** This graduate seminar, open to students from the Graduate School, the Law School, and the School of Public Health, examines the theory and practice of global human rights from an interdisciplinary perspective. In addition to issues of the history, origins and legitimacy of universal human rights, the seminar will discuss standards, institutions and processes of implementation. The seminar will also examine human rights across a variety of substantive issues areas, including: conflict; development; globalization; social welfare; public health; and rights of women and other vulnerable groups.

**Particulars:** Evaluation will be based on seminar participation, a series of short thought papers and major research paper. Students will also make brief presentations of their final papers.

**Texts:** No texts ordered.