

# Graduate Programs<sup>2</sup> NEW COURSE PROPOSAL

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DEPARTMENT NAME: POLITICAL SCIENCE

COLLEGE OF: ARTS AND LETTERS

RECOMMENDED COURSE IDENTIFICATION:

PREFIX   POS   COURSE NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_ LAB CODE (L or C) \_\_\_\_\_

(TO OBTAIN A COURSE NUMBER, CONTACT MJENNING@FAU.EDU)

COMPLETE COURSE TITLE : RESEARCH DESIGN IN POLITICAL SCIENCE

**EFFECTIVE DATE**

**POS 6736: Research Design in Political Science**  
**Fall 2011**

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**Participation:** Students are expected to arrive for each class prepared to discuss the assigned reading material. You are expected to be attentive to class lectures, participate in class discussions and exercises, respect the views and work of classmates, and refrain from all disruptive behavior (including the use of cellular telephones and laptop computers for anything other than class notes). Lectures and other class materials are designed to clarify and expand on class readings, expecting you have read and developed a general understanding of the topics addressed in the readings. You will be rewarded for your constructive contribution to the discussion. Simply arriving for class to enjoy a nap in the back of the room does not constitute adequate participation in the class. Given the intense nature of this class failing to attend will have serious consequences for your grade. Past experience shows that failing to attend will lower your grade by at least one letter. Participation is worth 10% of your total grade and will be based on informed discussion in seminar.

**Grading Policy:** The student's final course grade is broken down as follows: short research design (each 20%); term paper (50%) and Participation 10%.

**Grading Scale:** A 93-100; A- 90-92; B+ 87-89; B 83-86; B- 80-82; C+ 77-79; C 73-76; C- 70-72; D+ 67-69; D 63-66; D- 60-62; F 0-59.

**The Florida Atlantic University Honor Code:** Students at Florida Atlantic University are expected to maintain the highest ethical standards. Academic dishonesty, including cheating and plagiarism, is considered a serious breach of these ethical standards, because it is in direct conflict with the University mission to provide a high quality education in which no student enjoys an unfair advantage over any other. Academic dishonesty is also destructive of the University community which is grounded in a system of mutual trust and places high value on personal integrity and individual responsibility. Harsh penalties are associated with academic dishonesty. For more information see [http://www.fau.edu/regulations/chapter4/4.001\\_Honor\\_Code.pdf](http://www.fau.edu/regulations/chapter4/4.001_Honor_Code.pdf)

**Students with Disabilities:** In compliance with Disabilities Act (ADA), students who require special accommodations must register with the Office of Students with Disabilities (OSD) located in Boca Raton SU 133 (564297-3880) and follow the procedures.

### **Lecture Topics & Readings**

The dates listed for each topic are approximate and will depend on how quickly we move through the material. You absolutely need to study the assigned readings before the date listed as I will be covering the material on the date given. *Note that this is not a contract. It is subject to change at my discretion.*

#### **Week 1 (August 24): Introduction**

Thinking and Studying Scientifically

Puzzles, theory, and hypotheses; variables and constants

Read: Chp 2

#### **Week 2 (August 31): Measurement**

Read: Chp1

**Week 3 (Sep 7): Research Design**

Read: Chp2

**Week 4 (Sep 14):**

**Week 5 (Sep 21): Sampling and Inference**

Read:chp5

**Week 6 (Sep 28): Correlation and Linear Regression**

Read:Chp7

**Week 7 (Oct 5): Wrap-up**

**Week 8 (Oct 12): Introduction to SPSS**

**Week 9 (Oct 19): Data Collection & Analysis Using SPSS**

**Week 10 (Oct 26): Presenting the Results**

**Week 11 (Nov 2): Term-Paper/Presentations**

**Week 12 (Nov 9):**

**Week 13 (Nov 16):**

**Week 14 (Nov 23):**

**Week 15 (Nov 30): April 18-20): & R Q W ¶ G**

**Week 16 (Dec 7): TERM-PAPER DUE**

**Proper Citations and Plagiarism:** For all scholarly projects, I encourage you to discuss your is written in accordance with generally recognized editorial and documentation principles.

----- Original Message -----

From: Farshad Araghi [mailto:araghi@fau.edu]

Sent: Tuesday, January 25, 2011 2:04 PM

To: Timothy Lenz

On 1/25/11 9:30 AM, Timothy Lenz wrote:

> Dear Farshad,

> The Department of Political Science has redesigned its MA program to create a required research design seminar. I have attached a copy of the proposal. Please let me know if you have any concerns or objections. P.S.: our end of the SO building is much less lively these days.

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> From: Mehmet Gurses

[mailto:gurses@fau.edu]

> Sent: Monday, January 24, 2011 3:16 PM

> To: Timothy Lenz

> Subject: new course

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> Tim,

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> Attached please find the syllabus and the form for the research design course that I will be offering in Fall 2011. Would you please forward it to Sociology see if they have any objections to it?

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> Thank you,

> Mehmet

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