



POLS 4898 Research Practicum in Political Science, Semester YYYY

CRN xxxxx: days/time/location

Catalog Description: This is a supervised practical research experience involving the completion of an article-length research paper on a topic in political science or a closely related field that is suitable for presentation at an undergraduate-level academic conference, either independently or in collaboration with a faculty co-author. The paper should employ appropriate empirical methods for answering the student's research question, including data collection and analysis (if applicable), as well as demonstrating a grounding in the relevant literature on the subject matter. Students spend a minimum of nine hours per week conducting research under the supervision of a faculty member mutually agreed upon between the student, faculty member, and political science program coordinator. A formal presentation at an approved academic conference, or in another forum open to faculty and fellow students, is also required for credit.

1. Students will collect and analyze data and/or other appropriate evidence.
2. Students will synthesize the findings of their research and analysis in writing.
3. Students will summarize their findings in an oral presentation.

Assignments and Grading: Your grade in this course will be based on the following elements: