Suggested Readings:
Getting Started, the Profession, and Research Design and Methods

Note: This list is intended only as a starting point, to provide ideas and examples with respect to readings appropriate to this course. Students are strongly encouraged and expected to research manuscripts relevant to their own needs and interests within these topic areas.

I. Getting Started
These readings are designed to provide advice on how to develop a prospectus, write a research proposal, develop an article, and so on.

Entire Manifestos


Selecting a Research Topic


Writing Research Proposals and Papers


II. The Profession
These readings are commentaries on the state of the discipline, whether it is with respect to the profession generally speaking, research domains within the profession, or research methods relevant to the profession.1

1 Each issue of PS contains reflections on the profession, and often also contains pieces on methods/research design and general assessments of various aspects of the discipline. For


**III. Research Design / Methods**

These readings speak to basic issues of research design (e.g., causal inference, hypothesis testing, case selection, etc.) and methods.


Achen, Christopher H. 2000. “Warren Miller and the Future of Political Data Analysis.” *Political Analysis* 8 (Spring):142-146. [see also below piece by Miller]


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example, see the Dec. 2002 a symposium on interviewing and see the Dec. 2001 issue for a symposium on area studies and the state of the discipline as well as a symposium on Advisors and the Dissertation Proposal (which contains a number of interesting pieces on how to craft a proposal).

2 This list barely begins to scratch the surface when it comes to identifying important pieces on political science research design and methods. You’ll find hundreds of ideas for reading by following this link: [http://www.asu.edu/clas/polisci/cqrm/syllabi.html](http://www.asu.edu/clas/polisci/cqrm/syllabi.html). An easy way to find others: google “research methods political science syllabus” and browse away.
Lieberson, Stanley. 1992. “Small Ns and Big Conclusions: An Examination of the Reasoning in Comparative Studies Based on a Small Number of Cases.” Chapter 4 in Ragin and Becker, eds., pp. 105-118 (and notes).


Przeworski, Adam, and Henry Teune. 1970. The Logic of Comparative Social Inquiry


Style Guidelines:

APSA Style Guide. (available at apsnet.org)


Turabian, Kate L. 1996. A Manual for Writers of Term Papers, Theses, and Dissertations, 6\textsuperscript{th} ed., Chicago, IL: University of Chicago Press.