

METHODOLOGICAL SEMINARS IN POLITICAL SCIENCE

GRADUATE LEVEL | WORKLOAD: 60h | UFPR

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COURSE DESCRIPTION

Research meetings throughout the semester in which students must present straightforward advances in their Political Science dissertation projects. Theories and methodologies of research in Political Science.

COURSE OVERVIEW

This course aims to assist students in writing a master's thesis in Political Science. The initial debates foster learners to seize the main theories and empirical strategies to help master all the project steps (from choosing a research question to outlining a work schedule).

Through (1) the review of crucial reading materials, (2) seminars presenting individual projects, (3) comments on the classmates' academic works, (4) one-to-one meetings with the professor, and (5) writing practice, each student is expected to advance in their enterprise.

LEARNING OBJECTIVES

By the end of the semester, students will be able to:

1. Learn the key steps to improve their research projects.
2. Discuss with their supervisors the most appropriate theoretical and methodological strategies.
3. Conduct an autonomous investigation.
4. Cooperate and dialogue with classmates.

CLASSROOM METHODOLOGY PROCEDURES

Each week, students will be expected to:

1. Attend the lectures and read mandatory texts.
2. Attend one-to-one sessions with the professor.
3. Present research seminars.
4. Complete and submit all assignments by due dates.

COURSE SCHEDULE

Unit 1 – Preliminary elements of writing a project and a dissertation in Political Science.

Unit 2 – Presentation and discussion of research projects produced by the students.

Unit 3 – Presentation and discussion of the final work.



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GRADING

Evaluation of students enrolled in this course follows the criteria stated below:

- Participation, punctuality, and attendance: 10% of the final grade.
- Comments on the mandatory readings: 20% of the final grade.
- Research Project + Seminar (Part 1): 20% of the final grade.
- Research Project + Seminar (Part 2): 20% of the final grade.
- Final work encompassing at least 60% of each student's thesis: 40% of the final grade.

BACKGROUND READING MATERIALS

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+ Texts assigned by the professor and each student's supervisor.



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