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DIPL 6311: Masters Research Project

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Course Objectives:
This class is the capstone of your graduate experience. As such, you will be drawing on the lessons that you have learned in DIPL 6310 to develop and execute a research project. The class will be a mix of one-on-one sessions as well as traditional meetings.

My goals for you are two-fold:
- Write a publishable quality manuscript that tests hypotheses head to head either qualitatively or quantitatively.
- Finish this class with a polished op-ed based on your research that's ideal to submit for publication and as a writing sample for a job.

Course Materials:
Two textbooks have been ordered for this course. We will not have assignments from these texts. The Van Evera work is a good reference for qualitative work, and the Johnson and Reynolds text is geared for quantitative work.

Stephen Van Evera. 1997. *Guide to Methods for Students of Political Science.* Ithaca: Cornell University Press. ISBN: 0-8014-8457-X.

Janet B. Johnson, H.T. Reynolds, and Jason Mycoff. 2016. *Political Science Research Methods* 8th Edition. SAGE/CQ Press. ISBN: 9781506307824

NB: Earlier versions of this textbook exist and are fine.
Janet B. Johnson and H.T. Reynolds. 2012 *Political Science Research Methods* 7th Edition. SAGE/CQ Press. ISBN: 978-1-60781-689-0.

You can also request a free copy of SPSS or STATA for your home PC from IT here: Software Request

Evaluation:
Your grade in this class will be based on the following:

Presentation (10%)
Research Design (10%)
Rough Draft (20%)
Final Paper (40%)
Op-Ed Rough Draft (10%)
Op-Ed Final (10%)

Class Schedule
NOTE: Sessions with a class meeting will be denoted with (CM) below

August 29:	Introduction. (CM) Administrative Matters
September 5:	Labor Day. **No Class.**
September 12:	Presentations (CM)
September 19:	Presentations (CM)
October 3:	Individual Meetings (As Needed)
October 10:	**Fall Break. No Class. Research Designs Due. Assignments submitted to Blackboard.**
October 17:	Feedback on Research Designs. (CM)
October 24:	Individual Meetings (As Needed)
October 31:	Individual Meetings (As Needed)
November 7:	Individual Meetings (As Needed)
November 14:	**Rough Drafts Due. No Class. Assignments submitted to Blackboard.**
November 21:	Feedback on Rough Drafts. (CM)
November 28:	**Op-Ed and Pitch Letter Rough Drafts Due. No Class. Assignments submitted to Blackboard.**
December 5:	Individual Meetings (As Needed)
December 12:	Wrap-up (CM)
December 17:	**FINAL PAPER DUE ON BLACKBOARD AT 4PM.**
December 20:	**FINAL VERSION OF OP-ED AND PITCH LETTER DUE ON BLACKBOARD AT 4PM.**

you outline all of the changes that you have made since the rough draft. In particular – how have you responded to my comments?

Note that previous examples will be available on Blackboard.

Op-Ed
As you're finishing your papers, you will also be preparing an op-ed summarizing your findings. This will be 800 words maximum, and written in the style of an editorial in *Foreign Policy*. Your op-ed must be preceded by an email pitch letter. More information about this assignment will be forthcoming.

Student Resources:
Library Resources:
Walsh library staff can be reached through one of the following avenues:
- To make a research and reference appointment, (for help with finding peer reviewed articles and books) please fill out the following form. Research and Reference Appointments. Diplomacy's library liaison is Michael Murphy (michael.murphy3@shu.edu).
- To make a data services appointment (for help with finding and analyzing data), please fill out the following form. Data Services Appointment Form. Diplomacy's data specialist is Samah Alshrief (samahfarisk.alshrief@shu.edu).

Please review these additional library resources:
- Graduate Services Guide (General for all programs); https://library.shu.edu/gradservices/home
- Diplomacy Graduate Online Research Guide: https://library.shu.edu/diplomacy-remote
- Research Data Services Department: https://library.shu.edu/data-services

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Counseling and Psychological Services:
As part of our commitment to the health and well-being of all students, Seton Hall University's Counseling and Psychological Services (CAPS) offers initial assessments, counseling, crisis intervention, consultation, and referral services to the SHU community. The CAPS office is located on the second floor of Mooney Hall, room 27. Appointments can be made in-person or by calling 973-761-9500 during regular business hours, Monday-Friday, 8:45 a.m. - 4:45 p.m. In case of a psychological emergency, call CAPS (973-761-9500) at any time to speak to a crisis counselor. For more information, please visit: https://www.shu.edu/counseling-psychologicalservices/index.cfm

University Writing Resources:
The University Writing Center, located on the 3rd floor of the library, offers a number of resources to help you succeed. These include an Online Writing Lab (OWL) in which you submit

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[1] http://chronicle.com/wiredcampus/article/1328/wikipedia-founder-discourages-academic-use-of-his-creation