Research and Writing Seminar II
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POS 696, Spring 2014
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Office Hours for Professor Schoolman:
Monday, Humanities 16 (Political Science Contact Offices): 12:30- 2:30 pm.
Tuesday, Milne 218 (Political Science Dept.): afternoons by appt. & as scheduled below

Research and Writing Seminar II

This course is the second half of a year-long research and writing seminar – POS 695 & POS 696 – that devotes two full semesters to the development of a research design to be completed in the form of a final paper suitable for conference presentation or for submission to a journal for publication. In POS 696 students will continue to refine work that by the conclusion of POS 695 reached 25 or more pages and included substantial bibliographies and a literature review. Students will present their final paper in a research colloquium organized by faculty in the Department of Political Science at the end of the spring semester.

During the fall graduate students in the POS 695 Research and Writing Seminar worked closely with faculty mentors who supervised students’ research projects through regular meetings and discussions. Graduate students in POS 696 must plan to continue these meetings and discussions with faculty mentors on a regular basis. As in POS 695, faculty mentors play an especially important supervisory role in POS 696, as only an expert in a student’s major field of concentration can help to bring a project to the level of sophistication making it eligible for submission to a professional journal or for conference presentation. Much of the work students do in POS 696, then, will be carried out according to the instructions of their faculty mentors.

Class Meetings

Class meetings will be held to accomplish one of two objectives.

Students will present progress reports on their projects.

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Students will present papers to the class as a whole in preparation for presentation of their work to the Department of Political Science in May. By 5 pm on the preceding day students must submit the most recent draft of their papers to the instructor, who will make them available to all other students in the class via Dropbox.


February 4. No class.

February 11. Milne 218. Individual student meetings during office hours with Professor Schoolman. By this date students should have had their first meeting of the semester with their faculty mentors to discuss their work and develop a plan for revision of their written work in POS 695.

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February 18. HS 013. Students present progress reports on their projects, specifically a candid description of the progress they have made and what theoretical challenges they have been struggling with and with what success.
February 25. HS 013. First Practice-Presentations. Students present the most recent newly developed version of their papers begun in POS 695. Students are given 20 minutes for presentations, followed by 10 minutes of question & answer. This class will run over the scheduled time for its dismissal.

March 4. Milne 218. Individual student meetings during office hours with Professor Schoolman. By this date students should have had their second meeting of the semester with their faculty mentors to discuss their work and the progress they are making on the revisions of their research projects for POS 695.

March 11. HS 013. Students present progress reports on their projects, specifically a candid description of the progress they have made and what theoretical challenges they have been struggling with and with what success.

March 18. Classes suspended.

March 25. HS 013. Second Practice-Presentations. Students present the development of their papers begun in POS 695. Students are given 20 minutes for presentations, followed by 10 minutes of question & answer. This class will run over the scheduled time for its dismissal.

April 1. Milne 218. Final individual student meetings during office hours with Professor Schoolman. By this date students should have had their third meeting of the semester with their faculty mentors to discuss their work and the progress made on their revisions of their research project in POS 695.

April 15. Classes suspended.

April 22. HS 013. Class discussion in anticipation of student presentations tentatively scheduled for May 9.

April 29. HS 013. Final Practice-Presentations. Students present the development of their papers begun in POS 695. Students are given 20 minutes for presentations, followed by 10 minutes of question & answer. This class will run over the scheduled time for its dismissal.
May 6. Milne 218. Meeting with Professor Schoolman during office hrs. to discuss final preparation for presentation of research projects to the Department of Political Science on May 6.

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May 8. D-Day! (delivery day) Room & Time to be determined. Student presentations of research projects to Department of Political Science.