COURSE DETAIL

FOUNDATIONS IN POLITICAL RESEARCH
Country Ireland
Host Institution University College Dublin
Program(s) University College Dublin
UCEAP Course Level Upper Division
UCEAP Subject Area(s) Political Science
UCEAP Course Number 107
UCEAP Course Suffix
UCEAP Official Title FOUNDATIONS IN POLITICAL RESEARCH
UCEAP Transcript Title FOUND POLIT RESEARC
UCEAP Quarter Units 4.00
UCEAP Semester Units 2.70

Course Description
Many undergraduate courses relate to politics itself—about politics in different regions, or about particular aspects of political systems. This course, however, is about political science, about doing research on politics and in the social sciences more generally. How do we design our research? How do we collect data? How do we draw valid conclusions from these data? While the focus in many other courses is on knowledge of theories and knowledge of political systems, as well as basic analytical and critical skills, this course provides students with relevant practical skills and increased analytical skills. While there is a more in-depth exploration of survey research methods and the visual inspection of survey results, this functions as an example to the core components of the course. Other topics include practical and ethical considerations of political research, general types of research design, core elements of any research design, and a brief overview of the main methods in use in political science today. Special attention is paid to writing and reading political science research.

Language(s) of Instruction
English

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POL10170

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Politics

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