

# 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**

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**UCEAP Transcript Title**

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**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

## **Host Institution Course Number**

POL10170

## **Host Institution Course Title**

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## **Host Institution Campus**

UC Dublin

## **Host Institution Faculty**

## **Host Institution Degree**

## **Host Institution Department**

Politics

**Course Last Reviewed**

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