

COURSE DETAIL

POLITICAL SCIENCE RESEARCH

Country

Japan

Host Institution

Waseda University

Program(s)

Waseda University

UCEAP Course Level

Upper Division

UCEAP Subject Area(s)

Political Science

UCEAP Course Number

155

UCEAP Course Suffix**UCEAP Official Title**

POLITICAL SCIENCE RESEARCH

UCEAP Transcript Title

POL SCI RESEARCH

UCEAP Quarter Units

3.00

UCEAP Semester Units

2.00

Course Description

The course is designed to expose students to different styles of qualitative and mixed methods research including, among many others, comparative case studies; process tracing and historical methods; interpretive and discursive methods; social network analyses, and natural experiments. The course uses practical sessions to help students prepare their own research design into an important and real-world question of their own choosing. Participants present their research designs in the final two weeks of the class and receive feedback from their peers.

The course is divided into three parts. The first introduces the fundamentals of positivist and interpretative qualitative methods. The next investigates case selection, mixed method, and causal inference. The third considers more specific techniques including the practical considerations involved in collecting primary materials, considering logics of historical process, and designing social experiments.

Language(s) of Instruction

English

Host Institution Course Number

POLX201L

Host Institution Course Title

FUNDAMENTALS OF POLITICAL SCIENCE RESEARCH

Host Institution Course Details

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Host Institution Campus

Waseda University

Host Institution Faculty

Host Institution Degree

Host Institution Department

School of Political Science and Economics

Course Last Reviewed

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