

Political Science 194RA
Research Apprenticeship Seminar

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Fridays 12:00-2:50
SSB 353

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Description. The Research Apprenticeship Seminar provides participants an opportunity to turn their research in the program into an original article manuscript, working closely with a member of the Political Science Department. Professor Roeder will coordinate seminar meetings; your Research Apprenticeship mentor will serve as your advisor.

Seminar meetings. The purpose of the seminar meetings each week is to help students write the major parts of an article manuscript. Please come to each meeting prepared to present verbally your submission for that day and to discuss the presentations of other students in the seminar.

Writing requirements. The written assignments listed below constitute the major parts of the final manuscript that you will submit at the end of the quarter. Please seek guidance from your advisor/mentor on each assignment.

1. Friday, April 8. A one-page summary of your proposed thesis topic and question.
2. Friday, April 15. A brief bibliography and literature review.
3. Friday, April 22. A three- to five-page description of your hypotheses and research design.
4. Friday, May 20. A statement of your thesis and preliminary write-up of your results.
5. Friday, June 3 (last day of instruction in the Spring 2014 quarter). The penultimate draft of the entire manuscript (submitted to your advisor).
6. Friday, June 10 (last day of finals week). A final draft of the entire manuscript (submitted to your advisor).

- Written assignments should be submitted on the dates listed below to your Advisor/mentor.
- Each assignment submitted should include the elements previously submitted.
- In addition, please circulate electronic copies of assignments 1-4 to the members of the seminar each Thursday evening before the due date listed below.

Seminar paper assignment. You should complete a twenty-page (double-spaced) manuscript based on your participation in your mentor's research project. With the approval of your mentor, you, co-researchers on your project, or your advisor may write a co-authored paper. The advisor will assign your grade on the basis of your individual contribution to the paper.

Determination of grades. Your course grade for the Research Apprenticeship seminar will be based on the grade that your mentor assigns to your final manuscript, except that failure to participate in the seminar will lower your course grade proportionately—up to two-thirds of a full letter grade (e.g., from A to B+) for complete failure to attend.