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COURSE NAME: Research Methods in International Relations

COURSE CODE:

TARGET GROUP: Graduate Students of International Relations

Description

This course is designed to introduce Masters' students of International Relations to the research methodology, including techniques and procedures for research design, data collection, data analysis, and data presentation. Specifically, the course aims to generate familiarity with the language of social research, the uses of theory and meanings of methodology in the social sciences, ethical and political issues involved in the research process, and the main character of quantitative and qualitative research methods. Since this is a course on research methods designed for students of International Relations, discussions will focus on IR literature.

ASSESSMENT

1. Two exams during the semester. The first one is Mid-term exam which evaluate student's knowledge after 8 weeks period and final exam at the end of the semester which would determinate student's general success accordingly to this course. Both of these exams could be either writing or oral.
Those rule which provided by university authority.
2. Attendance of the students on the lectures should be no less than % 70 percent of all courses.

3. Students have one make-up exam right in the case of failure during the final exam.
4. The final grade is calculated on the basis of additional grade from mid-term exam, presentation and final exam notices. Final exam could be ensured in `Take home` form

Attendance is compulsory. You can have a maximum of two unexcused absences. Each subsequent absence will result in a one point deduction from the final grade. A doctor's note or a documented family emergence is the only valid excuses of missing class.

Literature

Earl Babbie, The Practice of Social Research, Wadsworth Publishing Company, Belmont, 2004, p

Steven P. Schacht, Social Statistics, Allyn & Bacon, Boston, 1995, p

Earl Babbie, The Practice of Social Research, Wadsworth Publishing Company, Belmont, 2004,

Week 1: What is science?

Earl Babbie, Survey Research Methods, Wadsworth Publishing Company, Belmont, 1990, Chapter 1-2, p 3-34

Week 2: Research design

Earl Babbie, The Practice of Social Research, Wadsworth Publishing Company, Belmont, 2004, Chapter 4, p 87-114

Earl Babbie, Survey Research Methods, Wadsworth Publishing Company, Belmont, 1990, Chapter 4, p 51-63

Week 3: Conceptualization, Operationalization, and Measurement

Earl Babbie, The Practice of Social Research, Wadsworth Publishing Company, Belmont, 2004, Chapter 5, p 119-146

Week 4: Sampling

Earl Babbie, The Practice of Social Research, Wadsworth Publishing Company, Belmont, 2004, Chapter 7, p 179-215

Earl Babbie, Survey Research Methods, Wadsworth Publishing Company, Belmont, 1990, Chapter 5-6, p 69-117

Week 5: Modes of observation (Experiments, survey research, qualitative field research)

Earl Babbie, The Practice of Social Research, Wadsworth Publishing Company, Belmont, 2004, Chapter 8-10, p 221-309

Week 6: Data Analyses (Qualitative and quantitative data analyses)

Earl Babbie, The Practice of Social Research, Wadsworth Publishing Company, Belmont, 2004, Chapter 13-14, p 370-418

Steven P. Schacht, Social Statistics, Allyn & Bacon, Boston, 1995, Chapter 1-2, p 2-27

Earl Babbie, The Practice of Social Research, Wadsworth Publishing Company, Belmont, 2004, Chapter 16, p 441-468

Week 8: Midterm exam

Week 9: Measures of central tendency

Steven P. Schacht, Social Statistics, Allyn & Bacon, Boston, 1995, Chapter 4, p 54-66

Week 10: Measures of Variability

Steven P. Schacht, Social Statistics, Allyn & Bacon, Boston, 1995, Chapter 5, p 69-78

Week 11: Locating Points within a Distribution

Steven P. Schacht, Social Statistics, Allyn & Bacon, Boston, 1995, Chapter 6, p 81-99

Week 12: Probability

Steven P. Schacht, Social Statistics, Allyn & Bacon, Boston, 1995, Chapter 7, p 102-120

Week 13: Constructing Confidence intervals

Steven P. Schacht, Social Statistics, Allyn & Bacon, Boston, 1995, Chapter 8, p 122-135

Week 14: Hypothesis testing between two sets of observation

Steven P. Schacht, Social Statistics, Allyn & Bacon, Boston, 1995, Chapter 9, p 138-157

Week 15: Simple regression, correlation, and one way analyses of variance (ANOVA)

Steven P. Schacht, Social Statistics, Allyn & Bacon, Boston, 1995, Chapter 11, p 181-198