# Research methodologies for politics

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**Department assigned to the subject: Social Sciences Department**

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**Type: Compulsory ECTS Credits : 6.0**

**Year : 3 Semester : 2**

## REQUIREMENTS (SUBJECTS THAT ARE ASSUMED TO BE KNOWN)

Research methods in social sciences

## OBJECTIVES

After completing this course students will:

1. Know the quantitative and qualitative techniques of particular interest for political analysis and research in empirical political science.
2. Develop the methodological framework applicable to empirical political research

## DESCRIPTION OF CONTENTS: PROGRAMME

1. Elements for design, development and results presentation of a empirical research in political science.
2. The elements of scientific research: research question, theory, hypothesis, measurement, data recollection, data analysis.
3. The methodological problems of causality.
4. Public opinion data and agregated data.
5. Data analysis, hypothesis testing.

## LEARNING ACTIVITIES AND METHODOLOGY

- Formal lectures and case studies in class, design a project of empirical research in the field of Political Science, individually and in teams, formulation and testing of hypothesis with data analysis; and required and recommended readings.

## ASSESSMENT SYSTEM

- Research project and exercices or case studies: 60%
- Final exam: 40%

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| **% end-of-term-examination:** | 40 |
| **% of continuous assessment (assigments, laboratory, practicals…):** | 60 |

## BASIC BIBLIOGRAPHY

- Brians, C.L; Willna, L.; Manheim, J.B.; Rich, R.C. Empirical Political Analysis, Pearson, 2011

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- King, Gary, Robert Keohane & Sidney Verba Designing Social Inquiry, Princeton, 1994

- Schutt, Russell K. Investigating the Social World: The Process and Practice of Research. , Peine Forge Press, 1999

## ADDITIONAL BIBLIOGRAPHY

- King Designing social inquiry: scientific inference in qualitative research, Princeton: Princeton University Press, 1994

- Marsh, D.; Stoker, G., eds., Theory and Methods in Political Science, Palgrave MacMillan (second edition), 2002