

# POL S 499: CAPP Undergraduate Fellows

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## *Winter Quarter Agenda*

Throughout this quarter, we will focus on building a dataset for hypothesis testing. The complete database will include your dependent variable, independent variable(s), and control measures. The weekly assignments are all structured to facilitate data collection, and our weekly meetings are set aside to discuss your work-in-progress. At the end of the quarter (during finals week), you will turn in a final paper that includes 1) a *thoroughly* revised version of your research design from Fall quarter, and 2) a preliminary evaluation your hypotheses based initial quantitative evidence derived from your dataset.

## *Important deadlines*

\*Jan 6 – Discussion of WI research plans

Jan 13 – Dependent variable I – data/measurement strategy

<sup>+</sup>Jan 20 – Dependent variable II – coding in-progress

Jan 27– Independent variable I - data/measurement strategy

Feb 3 – Independent variable II – coding in-progress

Feb 10 – Control variables I – data/measurement strategy

<sup>+</sup>Feb 17 – Control variables II – coding in-progress

**Feb 24– Completion of dataset**

March 2 – Preliminary data analysis/ hypothesis testing

**March 16 –Paper revisions with preliminary findings**

\*A revised research plan is due in lab on Wed., January 8. Research plans should be 1-2 pages in length and include a full list of variables, the timeframe that you are analyzing & all relevant data sources annotated

<sup>+</sup>Class will be rescheduled due to university holiday