

PSYC 259: Principles of Data Science

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Course Materials: <https://bit.ly/2UJowby>

Class Hours: W 1:30-4:20 PM

<https://ucr.zoom.us/j/97985633776>

Course Description

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Course Objectives

1. You'll learn this
2. And also that
3. Perhaps some of this too.

Required Readings

Vasquez, John A (2009). *The War Puzzle Revisited*. New York, NY: Cambridge University Press.

Wagner, R. Harrison (2007). *War and the State: The Theory of International Politics*. Ann Arbor, MI: The University of Michigan Press.

Course Policy

I will detail the policy for this course below. Basically, don't cheat and try to learn stuff. Don't be that guy.

Grading Policy

- 20% of your grade will be determined by a midterm during normal class hours.

- 20% of your grade will be determined by a term paper that documents your appreciation of Foghat's "Slow Ride", the most important song ever written. "Slow Ride" is what Mozart wishes *Don Giovanni* could have been.
- 10% of your grade will be determined by your attendance and participation in class. Generally, ask questions and answer them.
- 20% of your grade will be determined by a 20-page term paper on when exactly "The Love Boat" jumped the proverbial shark. You will address whether this shark-jumping can be attributed to Ted McGinley, the introduction of Jill Whelan as "Vicki", or some other cause.
- 30% of your grade will be determined by a final exam.

Class Schedule

Students must read the following before Tuesday's class session. Important: class readings are subject to change, contingent on mitigating circumstances and the progress we make as a class. Students are encouraged to attend lectures and check the course website for updates.

Week 01, 01/06: Syllabus Day

No class Thursday (Political scientists usually have a conference to start the semester).

Read *all* associated documents on course website.

- [Taking Good Notes](#)
- [Dos and Dont's of Writing for Students](#)
- [Assorted Tips for Students on Writing Research Papers](#)
- [Exam Grading Policy](#)
- [Fun with Attendance and Grades \(i.e. Students Should Attend Class\)](#)

Week 02, 01/13: The First Topic Where We Read John Vasquez

Vasquez, John A (2009). *The War Puzzle Revisited*. New York, NY: Cambridge University Press.

Week 03, 01/20: Read the Nos. 90-97 Items in My Bib

Your "Slow Ride" appreciation paper is due in Thursday's class.

Week 04, 01/27: Read Bib Item No. 120

Week 05, 02/03: The Fourth Topic with Bib Item No. 510

Week 06, 02/10: Keep

Week 07, 02/17: Going

Week 08, 02/24: Down

Week 09, 03/03: the

Week 10, 03/10: Line