

PLSC 308: Introduction to Political Research

Honors Option Guidelines

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Schreyer honors students enrolled in this section of PLSC 308 have the option of the course serving as a substitute for PLSC 300H (“Introduction to Independent Thesis Research”). That course is designed to introduce students to research design and principles of social science research, and to aid in the development of their honors theses research proposal.

For PLSC 308 to serve that role, Schreyer students will be expected to complete work of a different nature than that undertaken by their non-Schreyer classmates. In particular, for the final paper/project, Schreyer students will be expected either to (a) complete an actual analysis of data related to their thesis topic, rather than simply completing a research design, or (b) complete a formal thesis proposal.

This work will be done in collaboration with the course instructor; students will be expected to communicate frequently with the instructor, and to solicit and incorporate feedback on their project throughout the semester.