

# Seminar in Political Behavior

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## 2025 Fall Schedule

### W3 - Introduction

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**W9 - Mass Media**

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## W11 - Entertainment Media and Social Media

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## W13 - Concluding Thoughts

## Some Helpful Resources

- Basics in Quantitative Reasoning
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- Basics in Research Design, and an Overview of a Wide Array of Quantitative Methods (Both Observational and Experimental)
  - Blair, Graeme, Alexander Coppock, and Macartan Humphreys. 2023. *Research Design in the Social Sciences: Declaration, Diagnosis, and Redesign*. Princeton, NJ: Princeton University Press. [LINK]
- Causal Inference
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This list of reading materials is composed of much interesting journal articles. It is impossible to find this significant amount of intriguing journal articles on my own. In other words, I refer to several professors' syllabi. The courses and professors I refer to are:

- POL SCI 191D (Undergraduate) - Parties and Voting Behavior in Western Democracies (Prof. Jonathan Homola, UCLA)
- POL SCI 259 (Graduate) - Representation in Western Democracies (Prof. Jonathan Homola, UCLA)
- POL SCI 170A (Undergraduate) - Statistical Analysis of Political Data (Prof. Michelle Torres, UCLA)
- POL SCI 268 (Graduate) - The Political Economy of Interest Groups [LINK] (Prof. Julia Payson, UCLA)
- EU4B1 (MSc level) - Political Elites, Leadership, and Decision-Making [LINK] (Prof. Miguel Maria Pereira, LSE)

If you are interested in the syllabi for UCLA POL SCI 170A, 191D, and 259, feel free to make a request.

Some professors at prestigious institutions post their syllabi on their personal websites. If you have an interest in a certain topic while not having a specific research idea, the materials in these professors' syllabi can be a great source for your inspiration. These are some examples:

- David Broockman at UC Berkeley (AP - Political Behavior) [LINK]
- Yiqing Xu at Stanford (PolMeth - Quantitative Methods, CP - Politics in China) [LINK]
- Jens Hainmueller at Stanford (PolMeth - Quantitative Methods) [LINK]
- Maya Sen at Harvard (AP - Judicial Politics, Racial and Ethnic Politics) [LINK]
- Ben Ansell at Oxford (PolMeth - Formal Theory, CP & IR - Political Economy) [LINK]
- Brendan Nyhan at Dartmouth (AP - Political Communication, PolMeth - Experimental Methods) [LINK]
- Eric Min at UCLA (IR - Conflict, Strategy, Negotiation) [LINK]
- Graeme Blair at UCLA (CP - Political Violence, PolMeth - Experimental Methods)
- Andrew Guess at Princeton (AP - Media and Politics) [LINK]
- Jonathan Mummolo at Princeton (AP - Politics of Bureaucrats (mostly about police), Public Policy) [LINK]
- James Druckman at Northwestern (PolMeth - Experimental Methods) [LINK]

Note that:

- AP - American Politics
- CP - Comparative Politics
- IR - International Relations
- PolMeth - Political Methodology (mostly quantitative and formal theory)