

POLI SCI 395
Political Research Seminar
Evidence-Informed Decision-Making
Spring 2025

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Lecture: TBD **Canvas:** TBD

Student Hours: Thursday 2:00 – 4:00pm, Scott Hall 103 or [by appointment](#)

Course Overview

TBD

Learning Objectives

TBD

Requirements

TBD some methods class

Required Reading

TBD

Grading

This course uses a labor-based grading agreement, commonly known as contract grading. In this course, instead of being given a final grade based on how “good” your submitted assignments are, your final grade will be based on the amount of work you put into the course. The goal is to decouple grades from performance and emphasize learning and effort.

TBD more details

Northwestern University Syllabus Standards

This course follows the [Northwestern University Syllabus Standards](#). Students are responsible for familiarizing themselves with this information.

Schedule

[TBD if I can change it back to once a week]

Week 1

Thursday, April 3

Week 2

Tuesday, April 8 [CODEX] Thursday, April 10

Week 4

Tuesday, April 15 Thursday, April 17

Week 5

Tuesday, April 22 Thursday, April 24

Week 6

Tuesday, April 29 Thursday, May 1

Week 7

Tuesday, May 6 Thursday, May 8

Week 8

Tuesday, May 13 Thursday, May 15

Week 9

Tuesday, May 20 Thursday, May 22

Week 10

Tuesday, May 27 Thursday, May 29

Week 11

Tuesday, June 3 (WCAS reading week starts on June 4) Thursday, June 5