

Political Science 210: *Introduction to Empirical Methods for Political Science*

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Student Hours/Office Hours: TBD

(in Scott Hall 109 or Online – [Schedule Appointment Online](#))

TA Section 1: Thursdays from 5:00 - 5:50 PM at University Hall 118

Canvas Section 1: <https://canvas.northwestern.edu/courses/153244>

TA Section 2: Fridays from 11:00 - 11:50 AM at University Library 3622

Canvas Section 2: <https://canvas.northwestern.edu/courses/153038>

Syllabus Note: This syllabus is for use with TA sections with Jennifer Lin. For all general course readings and information, see the course syllabus on Canvas.

About TA Sections

Each week, we will meet for an hour outside the lecture times to discuss the course materials. This is your opportunity to ask questions, review the material and clarify anything that can be confusing from the course. As such, here are some helpful tips to ensure that you are getting the most of this time:

- Come to section prepared to discuss the materials from the readings and lectures. I will briefly review the lecture material for the week during each section. However, the emphasis will be on your questions.
- Please be respectful of others when speaking, listening and responding.
- Please try to check your emails and Canvas at least once daily for any course readings and updates from Dr. Seawright, myself or any of the other course TAs.

Your attendance at these TA sections are part of your participation grade. I will be taking attendance each time we meet.

If you have any questions at any point in this course, please do not hesitate to email me. If you would like to speak to me and cannot make my office hours, I am happy to set up an appointment to meet. Please note that if you email me after 7 PM Central Time on the weekday or at any point during the weekend, I may not respond to your question until the next business day. If I can be of assistance in any way to you in this class, please do not hesitate to reach out.

Important Dates for Class

Assignment	Due Date
Homework 1: Description and Causation	October 7
Midterm Exam (in Class)	October 21
Homework 2: Surveys and Experiments	November 4
Homework 3: Quantitative Political Science	November 18
Final Exam (In class)	December 6 (12 PM – 2 PM)

Wellness, Accessibility and Other Campus Resources

I strive to make learning as accessible and as welcoming as possible. Therefore, I am very happy to work with each student to make sure that this TA section is suitable to their learning needs. Here are some notes on Wellness, Accessibility and other resources on campus.

Accessibility

If you require accommodations for this course, please communicate with [AccessibleNU](#) at accessiblenu@northwestern.edu or 847-467-5530 and Dr. Seawright as soon as possible. Please also confirm with me that Dr. Seawright has passed this information to me as soon as possible as well. All information will remain confidential.

Wellness

College can be stressful, especially if you are just starting out. Students can receive mental health services through Northwestern [Counseling and Psychological Services](#). Reach out to them by calling 847-491-2151 or reach out to their staff using the [staff directory](#).

Diversity and Inclusion

Students will not be discriminated based on race, gender, sexual orientation, creed, disability, or any other qualities in this TA section. For more information on Northwestern University's diversity, equity and inclusion policies, please visit the Office of [Institutional Diversity and Inclusion](#).

COVID-19

This past year and a half has been difficult, to say the least, for everyone. However, we must remain vigilant to stamp out this virus. Should you feel sick, with COVID-19 or otherwise, please do not come to section. Please contact me as soon as possible and I will be happy to work with you. In the meantime, the university encourages students to take advantage of their [testing](#) and [other COVID-19](#) resources.