

Empirical Research Methods

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Course prefix: INTA

Course number: 6003

Section: B

CRN (you may add up to five):
82101

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Semester: Fall

Academic year: 2025

Course description:

This course introduces research methods in international affairs. It emphasizes the front half of the research process in identifying research questions, developing sound theoretical arguments, and creating a research design that captures the empirical variation needed to test the arguments.

Course learning outcomes:

- Identify research puzzles and empirical variation
- Develop causal theoretical arguments
- Define measures to capture theoretical concepts
- Generate research designs to test arguments
- Evaluate research designs and empirical evidence

Required course materials:

Required readings will be made available via the course website. There is no required textbook.

Grading policy:

Final grades will be assigned as a letter grade according to the following scale:

A 90-100%

B 80-89.9%

C	70-79.9%
D	60-69.9%
F	0 - 59.9%

Attendance policy:

Attendance in this course is tracked and required for full credit. A student's participation grade is a combination of submitted class activities, attendance, and participation in discussions.

Academic honesty/integrity statement:

Students are expected to maintain the highest standards of academic integrity. All work submitted must be original and properly cited. Plagiarism, cheating, or any form of academic dishonesty will result in immediate consequences as outlined in the university's academic integrity policy.