

Identification	Subject (code, title, credits)	PSIR: 650 Master's Thesis Colloquium, 6ECTS credits, 15 Weeks, 60 Hours	
	Department	Political Science and Philosophy	
	Program	Graduate	
	Term	Spring, 2024	
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	Office hours	By appointment	
Prerequisites	Consent of instructor		
Language	English		
Compulsory/Elective	Required		
Required textbooks and course materials	<p>Core textbook:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Abiad, Zouhour & El-Chaarani, Hani. (2021). <i>How to Write Your Master Thesis: The Easy Handbook</i>. • Halperin, S., & Heath, O. (2020a). <i>Political research: Methods and Practical Skills</i>. Oxford University Press, USA. • Bui, Y. N. (2019). <i>How to write a Master's thesis</i>. SAGE Publications. • Smith, I., & Felix, M. S. (2019). <i>A practical guide to dissertation and thesis writing</i>. Cambridge Scholars Publishing. <p>Suggested Reading:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Van Evera, Stephen. <i>Guide to Methods for Students of Political Science</i>. Cornell University Press, 2016. • Cohen, L., Manion, L., & Morrison, K. (2017). <i>Research methods in education</i>. Routledge. • Box-Steffensmeier, J. M., Brady, H. E., & Collier, D. (2008). <i>The Oxford Handbook of Political Methodology</i>. In Oxford University Press eBooks. https://doi.org/10.1093/oxfordhb/9780199286546.001.0001 • Ercan, S. A., & Marsh, D. (2016). <i>Qualitative methods in political science</i>. In Edward Elgar Publishing eBooks. https://doi.org/10.4337/9781784710828.00030 • McNabb, D. E. (2010). <i>Research methods for political science: quantitative and qualitative approaches</i>. http://ci.nii.ac.jp/ncid/BB00951411 • Lamont, C. (2022). <i>Research methods in international relations</i>. Sage Publications Limited. • Curini, L., & Franzese, R. J. (2020). <i>The SAGE Handbook of Research Methods in Political Science and International Relations</i>. In SAGE Publications Ltd eBooks. https://doi.org/10.4135/9781526486387 		
Course outline	In this course students are supposed to learn steps how to author a thesis. Structure, requirements, technical aspects are covered here.		
Course objectives	The course aims to introduce to students how to generate an idea for the master's Thesis through structural way and teach them to write all parts of the thesis correctly.		
Learning outcomes	<p>By the end of this course, students will be able to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To learn how to draft research proposals. 2. To learn how to conduct and write a literature review. 3. To learn how to make research design. 4. To learn how to write Analysis and Findings chapters. 5. To learn how to occlude the thesis and write conclusion part. 6. To learn how to cite and give a bibliography at the end, 		
Teaching methods	Lecture		X
	Group discussion		X
	Presentation		X
	Case analysis		X
Evaluation	Assignments		Grade

	1.Introduction	20
	2.Literature Review	10
	3.Research Design Chapter	20
	4.Analysis and Findings Chapter	20
	5. Final Draft of MA Thesis	30
	Total	100

Policy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Preparation for class <p>Each student must study the specified literature outlined in the syllabus for their respective classes. In the event they are unable to procure the materials, the instructor will supply them. Each student is required to submit their individual written assignments within the specified period which will be set individually for each assignment during the course. Additionally, presenting the assigned portion is mandatory.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Professional behavior <p>The students shall behave in a way to create a favorable academic and professional environment during the class hours. Unauthorized discussions and unethical behavior are prohibited.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentations <p>Students are required to present their thesis parts with the help of Power Point. The evaluation criteria are outlined below:</p> <p>Guideline for the presentation preparation:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Title Slide 2. Introduction (Briefly introduce yourself and your topic. State the purpose or main goal of the presentation. Provide an overview of what the audience can expect. 3. Agenda or Outline (Outline the main sections or topics you will cover in the presentation) 4. Main Content (Should be organized in logical way, divide your presentation into several sections or topics) 5. Conclusion (Summarize the main points of your presentation) 6. References and Sources (Include a slide with citations or sources if you have used external material)
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Tentative Schedule

<i>Week</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Theme</i>	<i>Supportive Materials</i>
1	14.02.2024	Introduction to the Course	<p><i>Basics of Research Methodology.(How to give citations, references, footnotes)</i></p> <p><i>Bui, Y. N. (2019). How to write a Master’s thesis. SAGE Publications. Chapter 1.</i></p> <p><i>Riak, G. A., & Bill, D. B. A. (2022). POLITICAL SCIENCE RESEARCH METHODOLOGY. IJRDO - Journal of Social Science and Humanities Research, 8(11), 115–133.</i></p>

			https://doi.org/10.53555/sshr.v8i11.5359
2	21.02.2024	Collecting Data	<p><i>Bui, Y. N. (2019). How to write a Master's thesis. SAGE Publications. Chapter 3.</i></p> <p><i>Smith, I., & Felix, M. S. (2019). A practical guide to dissertation and thesis writing. Cambridge Scholars Publishing. Chapter 3.</i></p>
3	28.02.2024	Conducting Research	<i>Bui, Y. N. (2019). How to write a Master's thesis. SAGE Publications. Chapter 4.</i>
4	06.03.2024	"Introduction"	<p><i>Bui, Y. N. (2019). How to write a Master's thesis. SAGE Publications. Chapter 5.</i></p> <p><i>Smith, I., & Felix, M. S. (2019). A practical guide to dissertation and thesis writing. Cambridge Scholars Publishing. Chapter 4.</i></p>
5	13.03.2024	"Literature Review"	<p><i>Smith, I., & Felix, M. S. (2019). A practical guide to dissertation and thesis writing. Cambridge Scholars Publishing. Chapter 5.</i></p> <p><i>Bui, Y. N. (2019). How to write a Master's thesis. SAGE Publications. Chapter 6.</i></p>
6	20.03.2024	Nowruz Holiday	No Class
7	27.03.2024	"Methodology"	<p><i>Bui, Y. N. (2019). How to write a Master's thesis. SAGE Publications. Chapter 7.</i></p> <p><i>Smith, I., & Felix, M. S. (2019). A practical guide to dissertation and thesis writing. Cambridge Scholars Publishing. Chapter 6.</i></p>
8	03.04.2024	"Results and Findings"	<p><i>Bui, Y. N. (2019). How to write a Master's thesis. SAGE Publications. Chapter 8.</i></p> <p><i>Smith, I., & Felix, M. S. (2019). A practical guide to dissertation and thesis writing. Cambridge Scholars Publishing. Chapter 9.</i></p>
9	10.04.2024	Ramadan Holiday	No Class
10	17.04.2024	"Discussion"-1	<i>Bui, Y. N. (2019). How to write a Master's thesis. SAGE Publications. Chapter 9.</i>
11	24.04.2024	"Discussion"-2	<i>Smith, I., & Felix, M. S. (2019). A practical guide to dissertation and thesis writing. Cambridge Scholars Publishing. Chapter 10.</i>
12	01.05.2024	"Conclusion"	<i>Bui, Y. N. (2019). How to write a Master's thesis. SAGE Publications. Chapter 9.</i>
13	08.05.2024	Abstract and the Table of Content	<i>Alyousef, H. S. (2021). Structure of Research Article Abstracts in Political Science: A Genre-Based Study. SAGE Open, 11(3),</i>

			215824402110407. https://doi.org/10.1177/21582440211040797 <i>Smith, I., & Felix, M. S. (2019). A practical guide to dissertation and thesis writing. Cambridge Scholars Publishing. Chapter 12.</i>
14	15.05.2024	Presenting your thesis	<i>Practical lesson</i>
15	22.05.2024	Final Remarks	

This syllabus is a primary guide to the course. Possible changes will be announced in advance.