

POL 213: Research Methods III

Research Write-Up/Poster Session

The final project in this class should consist of a systematic analysis of political science data that addresses a substantively interesting political science question. In lieu of a full paper, what I expect is approximately a 10-15 page “subpaper” that does the following.

1. Describes the basic research question under study (no need for a long literature review).
2. Specifies hypotheses for the main covariates of interest.
3. Implements one or more of the methods taught in this class where the method is described in detail, justified in its use, and subsequent model(s) fully interpreted (beyond presenting coefficients).

For the poster session:

Students should prepare a professional poster that include relevant information to simply and elegantly describe:

1. The research question and the data.
2. The methods used (and why)?
3. The results.

My evaluation will be based on:

1. Clarity in exposition of the research question and the methodology used (25 percent)
2. Appropriate use and interpretation of the methodology (50 percent)
3. Quality of the poster and ability of the student to articulate “on the fly” what his/her results are.