

POP77063 — Research Design

Module Information	
Module Code	POP77063
Module Title	Research Design
Department	Political Science
Year Group	Post Graduate
Module Personnel	Emanuel Coman
Academic Year	2026–27
Credit Weighting	5 credits
Semester	Semester 1
Contact Hours	1 seminar per week

Module Content	
<i>Module Description</i>	The module introduces students to the theoretical and practical issues for conducting political science research.
Learning Outcomes	Explain Variation: Identify a specific dependent variable and variation to explain. Build Arguments: Formulate new, falsifiable arguments regarding actor behaviours. Test Evidence: Test claims against observable empirical evidence. Disaggregate Design: Isolate and evaluate distinct components of research design. Professional Practice: Navigate academic conferences, journal submissions, and the job market.

Assessment	
Assessment Components	Reactions papers 20%; Class participation 10%; Project outline 20%; Research design 50%



Additional Information

Prerequisites

None

Co-requisites

None