PSY 4109-McNair Research

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Course Description

As part of the McNair Program, you will be working with me to develop an original piece of scholarly writing to present at the McNair Symposium, SRSU Research Symposium, and/or other conferences.

Course Materials

You will need a computer and reliable internet for this course (or access to both). There is not an assigned textbook for this course. You will be accessing peer-reviewed journal articles and other information online.

Course Learning Outcomes

By the end of this course, you will have produced an original piece of scholarly writing. In doing this, you will be sharpening the following skills:

- Writing a research question and hypotheses
- Identifying variables
- Paper planning
- Writing a literature review
- Identifying data sources and relevant research
- Analyzing data
- Reporting results
- Scholarly writing
- Presentation skills

Program Learning Outcomes (Political Science)

The graduating student will:
- Demonstrate knowledge of significant theoretical approaches of political science through written work and oral communication.
- Demonstrate the ability to analyze domestic and international political processes in written work and oral communication.

- Demonstrate the ability to develop arguments about global equity and equality issues in politics through written work and oral communication.

Marketable skills for Political Science

- Students can effectively communicate ideas and information verbally, visually, and in writing
- Students can distinguish between credible/relevant information and information lacking credibility/relevance
- Students can identify critical and common institutions of political decision-making and policymaking across different nation-state settings
- Students can engage with social and political problems and use critical thinking to develop logical solutions

GRADING

Your grade will be based on effort, attendance of scheduled meetings, and your written drafts and final paper. We will determine the due dates and overall timelines for each during our initial meetings.

Assignment	Due Date	Points
Research questions	TBA	100
Outline and sources	TBA	100
Draft of literature review	TBA	100
Draft of methods	TBA	100
Draft of results	TBA	100
Final paper	TBA	500

COURSE POLICIES

BASIC EXPECTATIONS:

You and I will meet frequently throughout the term. Please be prepared for these meetings.

You will begin by choosing a topic, developing an outline, improving your information retrieval skills, brushing up on your research, reading, and writing skills, and then moving into your final paper writing, one chapter at a time. To successfully complete this course, you will need to utilize the library to access research related to your topic and gather data to test your hypothesis or address your research questions.

APA STYLE:

For this course, you are expected to use APA style for your paper. This is one of the best resources for APA style:
https://owl.purdue.edu/owl/research_and_citation/apa_style/apa_formatting_and_style_guide/general_format.html

<p align="center">**OTHER COURSE POLICIES & RESOURCES**</p>

ACADEMIC INTEGRITY: You are expected to demonstrate scholarly behavior and academic honesty in the use of intellectual property. You should submit work that is your own and avoid engaging in behaviors that violate academic integrity, such as turning in work as original that was used in whole or part for another course and/or professor; turning in another person's work as one's own; copying from professional works or internet sites without citation; collaborating on a course assignment, examination, or quiz when collaboration is forbidden. You should also avoid using open AI sources *unless permission is expressly given* for an assignment or course. Violations of academic integrity can result in failing assignments, failing a class, and/or more serious university consequences. These behaviors also erode the value of college degrees and higher education overall.

As an SRSU student, it is your responsibility to read and understand the university's expectations about academic integrity. All violations will be taken seriously and handled through the appropriate university process. The policy can be found at:
https://www.sulross.edu/about/administration/university-policies/

In addition, please note that plagiarism detection software will be used in this class for written assignments.

If you have any questions about this, please ask!

ADA STATEMENT
SRSU Accessibility Services. Sul Ross State University (SRSU) is committed to equal access in compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1973. It is SRSU policy to provide reasonable accommodations to students with documented disabilities. It is the student's responsibility to initiate a request each semester for each class. Students seeking accessibility/accommodations services must contact Mrs. Mary Schwartze Grisham, LPC, SRSU's Accessibility Services Director, at 432-837-8203 or email mschwartze@sulross.edu. Our office is located on the first floor of Ferguson Hall, room 112, and our mailing address is P.O. Box C122, Sul Ross State University, Alpine. Texas, 79832.

COUNSELING SERVICES
Sul Ross has partnered with TimelyCare where all SR students will have access to nine free counseling sessions. You can learn more about this 24/7/356 support by visiting Timelycare/SRSU. The SR Counseling and Accessibility Services office will continue to offer in-person counseling in Ferguson Hall room 112 (Alpine campus), and telehealth Zoom sessions for remote students and RGC students.

SRSU LIBRARY INFORMATION
The Bryan Wildenthal Memorial Library in Alpine offers FREE resources and services to the entire SRSU community. Access and borrow books, articles, and more by visiting the library's website, library.sulross.edu/. Off-campus access requires logging in with your LobolD and

password. Librarians are a tremendous resource for your coursework and can be reached in person, by email (srsulibrary@sulross.edu), or by phone (432-837-8123).

No matter where you are based, public libraries and many academic and special libraries welcome the general public into their spaces for study. SRSU TexShare Cardholders can access additional services and resources at various libraries across Texas. Learn more about the TexShare program by visiting library.sulross.edu/find-and-borrow/texshare/ or ask a librarian by emailing srsulibrary@sulross.edu.

TECHNICAL SUPPORT

The Support Desk is where you can direct your more technical questions. For example, the Support Desk can help you if you are having issues submitting a document, getting videos to play, or using BlackBoard. The support desk is open 24 hours a day/7 days a week for your convenience.

You can reach the support desk:
- By calling 888.837.6055
- Via email blackboardsupport@sulross.edu
- Using resources from the Technology Support tab within blackboard
- Clicking the Support Desk graphic on the course homepage

TUTORING:

a) Tutoring and Learning Center located in the library (call 432-837-8982 for a reservation with a tutor)
b) Tutor.com (online tutoring services available—access via BlackBoard Tools) – be sure to allow 48 hours turnaround time for a writing assignment