

INTS 275: Introduction to Research Design in International Studies

This course provides students with a foundation in empirical research both quantitative and qualitative, with the objective of equipping students with the tools to carry out their own original research in all of the fields that comprise International Studies including but not limited to political science, area studies, international relations, history, anthropology, international political economy, sociology, history, and law.

Our course is organized around the major stages of the research process including choosing a topic, developing a research question, conducting a literature review, constructing a thesis or hypothesis, and finally supporting a thesis or testing a hypothesis through different qualitative and quantitative research design strategies.

By the end of the course, students will feel confident to carry out their own original research projects in various fields. Through the process of learning how to carry out research, students will develop their logical thinking skills such as reasoning, analytical thinking, and problem solving which are fundamental skills for future careers and graduate school.

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