Spring 2012
Gov 362L: Government Research Internship
(Continuation of Gov 370M, Research on the U.S. Congress)

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Course Description
This research course is the second half of a year-long research program under the direction of Professors Theriault (ST) and Jones (BJ). This term will be devoted to pursuing your individual research projects and continuing with your work as research assistants.

Special Needs
The University of Texas at Austin provides upon request appropriate academic accommodations for qualified students with disabilities. To determine if you qualify, please contact the Dean of Students at 471-6259; 471-4641 TTY. If they certify your needs, I will work with you to make appropriate arrangements.

Course Format
The class will meet regularly to discuss progress on your projects and research assignments. We will also cover certain essential elements in design, analysis, and presentation of results. It is the student’s responsibility to come to class with all of the assigned work – both research and reading – completed. Rarely will the class stray from a seminar format.

Grades
Grades will be determined according to the following formula:

10% Class Participation. We will take attendance every class meeting. Because of the nature of the course, unexcused student absences will not be tolerated.
35% Research Assignments
35% Research Poster
20% Research Paper

We frown on issues of academic dishonesty and will severely punish any student caught plagiarizing, cheating, fabricating data, or engaged in unethical classroom practices. All grade disputes must be type written and turned in within 1 week of receiving the grade.

Course Readings
The course books are both available at the UT Co-op:

- Assigned readings associated with design, analysis, and presentation.
Course Outline

Week 1 (January 18th): Meet in general session for re-orientation and progress reports.
  - January 23rd: URF Applications due.

Week 2 (January 25th): Research Assignments.

Week 3 (February 1st): Research Assignments.

Week 4 (February 8th): General Session on Introduction to Graphical and Statistical Analysis

Week 5 (February 15th): Research Assignments.
  - February 15th: URA Applications due.

Week 6 (February 22nd): Research Assignments.

Week 7 (March 1st): Research Assignments.

Week 8 (March 8th): General Session on Constructing Effective Posters

Spring Break (March 14th)

Week 9 (March 21st): Research Assignments.

Week 10 (March 28th): Research Assignments

Week 11 (April 4th): General Session: Presentation of Posters

Week 12 (April 11th)
  - Midwest Political Science Association (April 12th – April 15th)
  - April 16th – 20th: University Research Week.

Week 13 (April 18th): Research Assignments.


Week 15 (May 2nd): General Session: Class retrospective.
  - Final Paper Due