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## Course Description

This seminar is designed to assist advanced stage doctoral students with the publication of a research article (or chapter) in political science. It is structured to replicate the peer-review process used by academic journals, providing students with first-hand experience as authors and reviewers, given the importance of these roles to academic careers. Students are expected to submit an article manuscript, which is reviewed anonymously by one faculty member (internal or external) and two peers. Upon the receipt of written reviews, students will prepare a detailed response to reviewer comments, a plan for revision, and thoughts about the selection of a publication outlet—all to be presented to the class for discussion during a session devoted entirely to the manuscript. Members of the class are expected to read the submitted manuscript and associated reviews for each session. Using feedback from the session, the manuscript is then revised by the author in preparation for submission to a journal by the semester's end.

## Course Requirements

The seminar's success depends on active participation, up-to-date reading, and a strong desire to publish your own research. Evaluation will be based upon the following criteria:

### *Requirement 1*

Attend each session, coming to class having done all the required reading. Class attendance and participation will constitute 25% of your course grade.

### *Requirement 2*

As an *author*, you are required to submit a polished manuscript for review by the date assigned to you. You will receive anonymous feedback on your manuscript one week prior to the session devoted to your work. In your session, you should be prepared to answer questions that come up during the general discussion, present a detailed response to reviewer comments charting a way forward with the revisions you plan to undertake prior to submission, and suggest options for a publication outlet. Taking into account the feedback you have received, you are expected to submit a revised article manuscript to a journal of your choice by the semester's end. Your contribution as an author will constitute 50% of your course grade—assessed on the quality of the initial manuscript submitted (20%), your response to three anonymous reviews (10%), and the quality of the revised manuscript (20%).

### *Requirement 3*

As a *reviewer*, you will be asked to carefully read and comment on two manuscripts over the course of the semester. Your reviews are to be sent to the course's teaching assistant prior to the start of class on the due date. You are also responsible for presenting an overview of someone else's manuscript to the class. Your presentation should last between 15-20 minutes. Your contribution as a reviewer will constitute 25% of your course grade—assessed on your service as a reviewer (20%) and your presentation of someone else's manuscript to the class (5%).

Each class session devoted to the discussion of a manuscript will follow the format below:

Peer Presentation of Manuscript: 15 minutes

Class Discussion of Manuscript: 25 minutes

Author's Response to Reviewer Comments: 25 minutes

Revisions Planned and Journal Options: 15 minutes

## Required Course Material

Belcher, L. 2009. *Writing Your Journal Article in Twelve Weeks: A Guide to Academic Publishing Success*. University of Chicago Press; Second edition.

*Article manuscripts and supplementary readings* may be downloaded using links provided on the course moodle.

## Course Schedule

### Session 1

*Friday, February 26th*

READINGS

Belcher, Introduction, Weeks 1-3

DUE

Manuscript 1

### Session 2

*Friday, March 5th*

READINGS

Belcher, Weeks 4-8

DUE

Manuscript 2 & Reviews of Manuscript 1

### Session 3

*Friday, March 12th*

READINGS

Belcher, Week 9 & X, Manuscript 1, Supplementary Article

PRESENTATION & DISCUSSION

Manuscript 1

DUE

Manuscript 3 & Reviews of Manuscript 2

### Session 4

*Friday, March 19th*

READINGS

Manuscript 2, Supplementary Article

PRESENTATION & DISCUSSION

Manuscript 2

DUE  
Manuscript 4 & Reviews of Manuscript 3

## **Session 5**

*Friday, March 26th*

READINGS  
Manuscripts 3, Supplementary Article

PRESENTATION & DISCUSSION  
Manuscripts 3

DUE  
Manuscript 5 & Reviews of Manuscript 4

## **Session 6**

*Friday, April 16th*

READINGS  
Manuscripts 4, Supplementary Article

PRESENTATION & DISCUSSION  
Manuscripts 4

DUE  
Manuscript 6 & Reviews of Manuscript 5

## **Session 7**

*Friday, April 23rd*

READINGS  
Manuscripts 5, Supplementary Article

PRESENTATION & DISCUSSION  
Manuscripts 5

DUE  
Manuscript 7 & Reviews of Manuscript 6

## **Session 8**

*Friday, April 30th*

### READINGS

Manuscripts 6, Supplementary Article

### PRESENTATION & DISCUSSION

Manuscripts 6

### DUE

Manuscript 8 & Reviews of Manuscript 7

## **Session 9**

*Friday, May 7th*

### READINGS

Manuscripts 7, Supplementary Article

### PRESENTATION & DISCUSSION

Manuscripts 7

### DUE

Manuscript 9 & Reviews of Manuscript 8

## **Session 10**

*Friday, May 14th*

### READINGS

Manuscripts 8, Supplementary Article

### PRESENTATION & DISCUSSION

Manuscripts 8

### DUE

Manuscript 10 & Reviews of Manuscript 9

## **Session 11**

*Friday, May 21st*

READINGS

Belcher, Weeks 10-12, Manuscripts 9, Supplementary Article

PRESENTATION & DISCUSSION

Manuscripts 9

DUE

Reviews of Manuscript 10

## **Session 12**

*Friday, May 28th*

READINGS

Manuscripts 10, Supplementary Article

PRESENTATION & DISCUSSION

Manuscripts 10

## **Session 13**

*Friday, June 4th*

Conclusion