

Certificate in Advanced Research Methods in Political Science

	Course
POLS 291/491 (Independent Research)*	
POLS 306 (Contemporary Political Problems and Issues)*	
POLS 309 (Polimetrics)	
POLS 481 (Research Seminar)	
POLS Research Elective	

Research Elective Options

POLS 291- FR/SO Independent Research	POLS 485- Directed Studies
POLS 491- JR/SR Independent Research	POLS 497- Independent Honors Studies

* Students are encouraged to take POLS 291/491 and POLS 306 at the Summer Research Academy or equivalent. Students who would like to inquire or plan for elective courses to apply towards the requirements listed should first consult with an Undergraduate advisor in the Department of Political Science. Other appropriate courses may be approved by the Director of Undergraduate Programs for the Department of Political Science.

In addition to completing the required course offerings and summer research academy, participants will have opportunities to conduct research with faculty members, present their work at scholarly conferences, and meet with visiting scholars. Research may be conducted one-on-one with a faculty sponsor, or the student may join one of several faculty-led research teams.

This certificate is a means of enhancing undergraduate education through a focused combination of courses and independent research. Administered by the Political Science Department, the program is open to all Texas A&M University undergraduate students. This certificate is designed to help students gain a background for post-graduate studies, professional school, or a career in a research-intensive, data-driven field.