

**Credit Weighting:** 0.75**Pre-/Co-Requisites:** n/a**Restrictions:** n/a**INSTRUCTOR INFORMATION****Name:** Tamara A. Small**Email:** t.small@uoguelph.ca**Office Location:** 533 Mackinnion**GENERAL DETAILS**

This course focuses on the elements of designing and writing a research question and proposal. It examines the principles of research design and research ethics and surveys the strengths and weaknesses of a variety of methods of data collection.

The course delivery mode for POLS 6940: in-person. This course is a seminar, and consequently, students are expected to participate actively in class.

**LEARNING OBJECTIVES**

By the end of the course, students will

- develop research design skills
- develop professional skills such as proposal writing and ethics
- develop your ability to evaluate scholarly work
- develop your grant writing skills
- improve your writing skills
- improve your communication skills

**METHOD OF ASSESSMENT**

Assessments may include: presentations, literature review, proposal writing, ethics applications, peer review.

**REQUIRED READING**

Sandra Halperin and Oliver Heath, *Political Research: Methods and Practical Skills* (Oxford University Press, 2020)

All other readings are available electronically in the Ares Course Reserves System at the Library.