

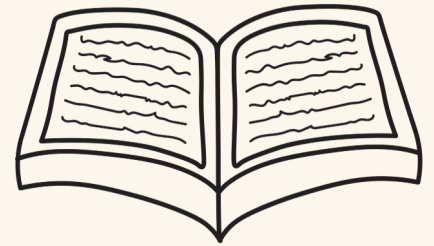
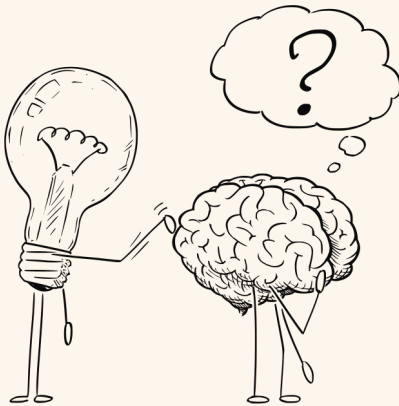
POLSC 400

Political Inquiry and Analysis

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MWF 9:30-10:20 A.M.



POLSC 400 is the most important class in our major—so important it's required! Think about it as defense against the dark arts of deception. As humans, we create stories to explain the world around us. This class teaches science -- a methodology capable of telling you if those stories are wrong, probably.

You'll learn specific skills including asking answerable research questions, developing theories with observable implications, and designing tests of those implications. We'll also explore when and how using science to study humans can go wrong.

But POLSC 400 is about much more than that. It's about knowledge, uncertainty, beliefs, values, truth, and why the differences between them matter.