

Wesleyan Courses on Methods and/or Research Design

Economics

ECON 252 The Political Economy of Cooperation and Coordination
ECON 300 Introduction to Econometrics

ECON 301 Microeconomic Analysis
ECON 302 Macroeconomic Analysis

Government

GOVT 201 Applied Data Analysis
Any 300-level Political Theory Course, for example:
GOVT 338 Global, Modern Political Thought
GOVT 339 Contemporary Political Theory
GOVT 342 Questioning Authority: On the Politics of the Teacher-Student Relationship
GOVT 347 Political Freedom

GOVT 366 Empirical Methods for Political Science
GOVT 367 Political Science by the Numbers
GOVT 380 Public Opinion and Polling Lab
GOVT 381 Delta Lab: Computational Media Analysis
GOVT 393 The Politics of Authenticity
GOVT 397 Acting and Citizenship

History

***See note below regarding the History Department's research methods courses**

Any Courses 150-199

Any Courses 300 and above

Philosophy

PHIL 211 Critical Philosophy of Race
PHIL 231 Reason and Paradox
PHIL 265 Postanalytic Philosophy
PHIL 270 Environmental Philosophy

PHIL 273 Philosophy of Law
PHIL 277 Feminist Philosophy & Moral Theory
PHIL 278 Political Philosophy
PHIL 286 Philosophy of Mind

Psychology

PSYC 200 Statistics: An Activity-Based Approach
Most Psychology 300 level courses, for example:
PSYC 375 Advanced Research in Social Psychology
PSYC 377 Advanced Research in Racism & Intergroup Relations
PSYC 380 Advanced Research in Social Identity
PSYC 382 Advanced Research in Decision Making
PSYC 383 Advanced Research in Learning and Memory

PSYC 384 Advanced Research in Cognitive Development
PSYC 385 Advanced Research in Digital Learning
PSYC 386 Advanced Research in Sleep
PSYC 388 Advanced Research in Measurement
PSYC 389 Advanced Research in Social & Historical Process
PSYC 396 Advanced Research on Culture and Emotion

QAC

QAC 201 Applied Data Analysis (Same as Gov 201)

Sociology

SOC 202 Sociological Analysis/ Prereq: SOC 151 (Intro to Soc)

***Note from the History Department**

History is a discipline that works with multiple research methods resulting in a wide range of historical writing: cultural, economic, environmental, gender/women's, intellectual, imperial/colonial, national, oral, religious, social, political, and world/global histories, to name a few. As a result, appropriate methods courses will be determined by the thesis topic. Any course numbered HIST 150-199 or 300-399 will familiarize students with historical research methods, but it is important to choose a course from these ranges that coincides with the specific historical field of your potential thesis. HIST 300 Issues in Contemporary Historiography is a seminar that all History majors must take on the history of the discipline and some of the contemporary developments in various historical fields. While the class does explore various approaches to history and their methods, this is not primarily a course teaching research methods. (Note: if you're as yet unsure of your topic or your topic is historiographical, then HIST 300 may be an appropriate choice.) To find a thesis advisor, it's very important that you have an established relationship with a faculty member from prior History coursework—it's very unlikely that they'll agree to advise a thesis if you've never taken a course with them! With the approval of a CSS history tutor, certain History courses numbered 200-299 may count toward the methods requirement, though generally these are survey courses that do not teach research methods. History courses numbered 100-149 are First Year Seminars and cannot fulfill the CSS methods requirement.