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**TEACHING POLITICAL SCIENCE**  
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This class is designed to help graduate students in political science prepare to take on the responsibility of teaching their own courses. It is not an in-depth examination of teaching; it is an introduction to some of the principal issues with which instructors routinely have to come to terms. Fortunately, the University of North Carolina, like a great many other institutions that care about the quality of instruction, provides a substantial commitment of resources to encourage effective teaching. Thus, UNC's Center for Faculty Excellence will serve as the organizational setting for our class meetings.

At three different times throughout the semester, we will participate in workshops offered by the Center, sessions that are targeted specifically at assisting graduate students. This semester, our class will attend the sessions on the following topics: Learning Goals and Assessment (9/27 or 9/28), Evaluation of Teaching (10/4 or 10/5), and Reflection on Student Learning (11/29 or 11/30). After each of those sessions, we will meet separately as a class for further discussion, on days and times that will be most convenient. The specific schedule of these meetings may be found [here](#). (I am aware that these sessions may conflict with your other course commitments. Please let me know if they do.)

Beyond your attendance and participation in these sessions, I will ask each of you to share some aspect of your teaching or TA experience with the members of the class and to present and discuss an article related to that experience. So, for example, if you would like to discuss your success in leading small group discussions, I will ask you also to read and present an article on that same topic. (I am happy to help you identify these articles.) Beyond that, there are no formal requirements for the course. I hope, however, that this "short course" will encourage you to think more carefully about the sorts of factors that are associated with effective teaching.

You will find that there is a great storehouse of knowledge about college teaching, some of which is specific to political science. What follows is a set of suggested readings that you may find helpful to consult this semester or at various points in the future.

### **General Surveys of College Teaching**

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John T. Ishiyama and Stephen Hartlaub. 2002. "Does the Wording of Syllabi Affect Student Course Assessment in Introductory Political Science Classes?" *PS: Political Science and Politics* 26:568-570.

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## **Teaching Portfolio Resources**

As you prepare for the academic job market, one part of your credentials will be a teaching portfolio. There is a good deal of variation in teaching portfolios, but there are some common elements that you should try to include. The following list is taken from the Ohio State Center for the Advancement of Teaching, but you will find similar online resources from a wide variety of colleges and universities. Some of these items can be put together quite quickly; others, quite obviously, can only take shape over time. In general, I think that an effective teaching portfolio should contain the following components:

1. Statement of teaching philosophy
2. Description of teaching experience (responsibilities)
3. Course planning artifacts: sample course syllabi, lesson plans, assignments, exams
4. Evidence of teaching effectiveness: summary of student feedback, department evaluations
5. Teaching awards and recognition
6. Professional development efforts

## **Additional Resources**

### ***General Information***

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