

COURSE SYLLABUS

Qualitative Social Research Method

Semester Genap 2025-2026

Course Code: G10B401

Credit Hours: 3 credits

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COURSE DESCRIPTION

This course introduces students to qualitative research methods in social sciences, particularly in International Relations. It covers key elements of qualitative research, including epistemological foundations, research design, data collection techniques, and thematic analysis. The course also emphasizes ethical research practices and academic integrity. By the end of the course, students will develop and present a qualitative research project.

LEARNING OBJECTIVES

Upon successful completion of this course, students will be able to:

- Understand and apply qualitative research paradigms and methodologies.
- Develop critical thinking and analytical skills in formulating research questions.
- Conduct literature reviews and construct theoretical frameworks.
- Identify and apply appropriate qualitative data collection methods.

- Analyze and interpret qualitative data using thematic analysis.
- Present research findings coherently in written and oral formats.

COURSE STRUCTURE & WEEKLY TOPICS

Week	Date	Topic	Description
1	18 Feb 2026	Class Management & Course Overview	Introduction to syllabus, course expectations, and final project guidelines.
2	25 Feb 2026	Ethics, Anti Plagiarism, Research Management & Citation	Understanding research ethics, plagiarism, and academic writing standards.
3	4 Maret 2026	Foundations of Qualitative Research	Understanding qualitative methodologies, research paradigms, and their significance in International Relations.
4	11 Maret 2026	Research Design (Research Problem and Research Question) & Literature Review	Steps in designing qualitative research, defining research problems, making research questions, and conducting literature reviews in IR.
5	1 April 2026	Data Collection Methods & Techniques	Overview of qualitative data collection methods, including interviews, focus groups, and observations in IR.
6	8 April 2026	Data Validity & Reliability	Data Triangulation

7	15 April 2026	Data Analysis & Interpretation	Coding, thematic analysis, and interpretation of qualitative data in International Relations research.
8	22 April 2026	Introduction to Discourse Analysis	Understanding discourse analysis, approaches, and types.
9	29 April 2026	Mid Term Test	Written Test
10	6 Mei 2026	Practicum Introduction	Groupings, Group Activities, Module Explanation
11	13 Mei 2026	Practicum Week	TBA
12	20 Mei 2026	Practicum Week	TBA
13	27 Mei 2026	Practicum Week	TBA
14	3 Juni 2026	Practicum Week	TBA
15	10 Juni 2026	Practicum Week	TBA
16	18 Juni 2026	Final Exhibition	TBA

ASSESSMENT & GRADING

- Mid Term: 30%
- Participation: 10%
- Group Project: 40%
- Final Term (Project Presentation): 20%

READINGS

1. Creswell, J. W. (2018). *Qualitative Inquiry and Research Design: Choosing Among Five Approaches*. SAGE Publications.
2. Flick, U. (2018). *An Introduction to Qualitative Research*. SAGE Publications.
3. Yin, R. K. (2016). *Qualitative Research from Start to Finish*. Guilford Press.
4. Bryman, A. (2016). *Social Research Methods*. Oxford University Press.
5. Halperin, S. & Heath, O. (2020). *Political Research: Methods and Practical Skills*. Oxford University Press.
6. Lamont, C. (2015). *Research Methods in International Relations*. SAGE Publications.

Additional journal articles and readings on qualitative research in International Relations will be provided throughout the semester.

COURSE POLICIES

- **Attendance:** Students must attend at least 80% of classes.
- **Academic Integrity:** Plagiarism and academic dishonesty are not tolerated.
- **Late Submissions:** Late assignments submissions are not accepted unless prior arrangements are made.
- **Consultation Hours:** By appointment.

This syllabus may be subject to modifications as needed during the course. Students will be notified in advance of any changes.