



COLLEGE OF BEHAVIORAL & SOCIAL SCIENCES

DEPARTMENT OF
GOVERNMENT AND POLITICS
GLOBAL LEARNING PROGRAMS

GVPT 429A: Quantitative Study of Exit Polling and Elections Fall 2020: Washington, DC

About the Course



This class will teach students skills in data analysis and data visualization using the programming language R. The primary focus will be the 2020 election. In the weeks leading up to the election, students will be expected to be keenly aware of publicly available data related to the election (e.g., polling data) and will learn how to translate these data into real-time insights. Students are also required to participate in two exit polling sessions during the early voting period in MD and all day on the day of the election (Nov. 3). This election will undoubtedly be a historic one for myriad reasons. We hope to make the most of this opportunity by giving students a chance to learn valuable data analysis skills on an event of critical importance for the country.

About the Instructor

Sarah Croco is an associate professor in the Department of Government and Politics and a faculty associate at the Center for International Development and Conflict Management at the University of Maryland. She is also the Political Methodology field chair. She received her Ph.D. in political science from the University of Michigan in the spring of 2008. Her research interests include: international conflict; the process by which citizens assign leaders responsibility for international wars; the value of policy consistency in elections; territorial disputes and civilian targeting.

More info about Prof. Croco can be found [on her webpage](#). She can be contacted at scroco@umd.edu.



Enrollment Information

Course Prerequisite: GVPT 201

Course Restrictions: Must be in Government & Politics program or Government & Politics International Relations program.

Registration Requirements: Signed Memorandum of Understanding. [Available here](#).