

**UNIVERSITY OF MALTA**  
**EUROPEAN DOCUMENTATION AND RESEARCH CENTRE**  
**Course Descriptions and Bibliographies**  
**ACADEMIC YEAR 2006-2007**  
**European Studies (Undergraduate)**

**EST 1031    Research Sources and Methods and Writing Styles (2 ECTS)**  
**Assessment – 3000 word assignment duly annotated as instructed**  
**Lecturer – Professor Peter Xuereb, Dr. Roderick Pace, Mr. Mark Harwood and**  
**Mr. Gordan Cordina**

The course introduces students to research methods and writing styles. It also aims to inform students on the research sources available to them at the EDRC and how to use them. It is made up of 12 one hourly sessions as follows:

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| 1. | Using the resources of the EDU/EU Data Base  | 2 lectures | R. Pace    |
| 2. | Writing an assignment/dissertation<br>- title<br>- theoretical question/hypothesis<br>- the importance of theory<br>- empirical data – primary and secondary sources<br>- quotations and references<br>- footnotes<br>- referencing the internet<br>- bibliography | 2 lectures | R. Pace    |
| 3. | The science of political science (history)   | 2 lectures | M. Harwood |
| 4. | Political Science Methods (I)  | 2 lectures | M. Harwood |
| 5. | Using Elementary Statistical Techniques  | 2 lectures | G. Cordina |
| 6. | Political Science Methods (II)   | 2 lectures | M. Harwood |
| 7. | Using legal sources  | 2 lectures | P. Xuereb  |

**Select Bibliography**

Marsh, D. and Stoker, G. *Theory and Methods in Political Science*. Palgrave, UK, 2002.  
Landman, T. *Issues and Methods in Comparative Politics*. Routledge, UK, 2000.