

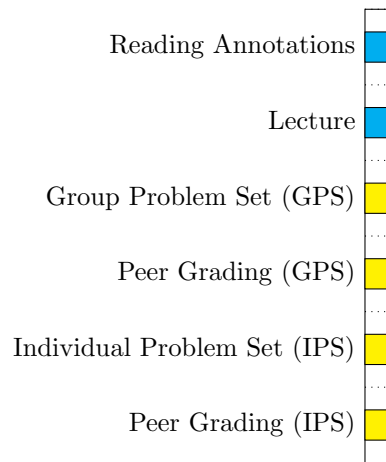
Assignment Schedules

Gov 2001

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The key goal of this class is to help you understand the material in a multi-step process that roughly goes as follows: (i) read the material on your own; (ii) hear lectures on the material; (iii) work collaboratively with others to do problem sets; (iv) help others learn by evaluating their problem sets; (v) you work on questions on your own to show mastery of the material. In the explanations below, this process is color coded to go from **cyan** in the beginning when you are first exposed to the material towards **yellow** in the end where we expect you are confident with the concepts.

Figure 1: Assignment Types

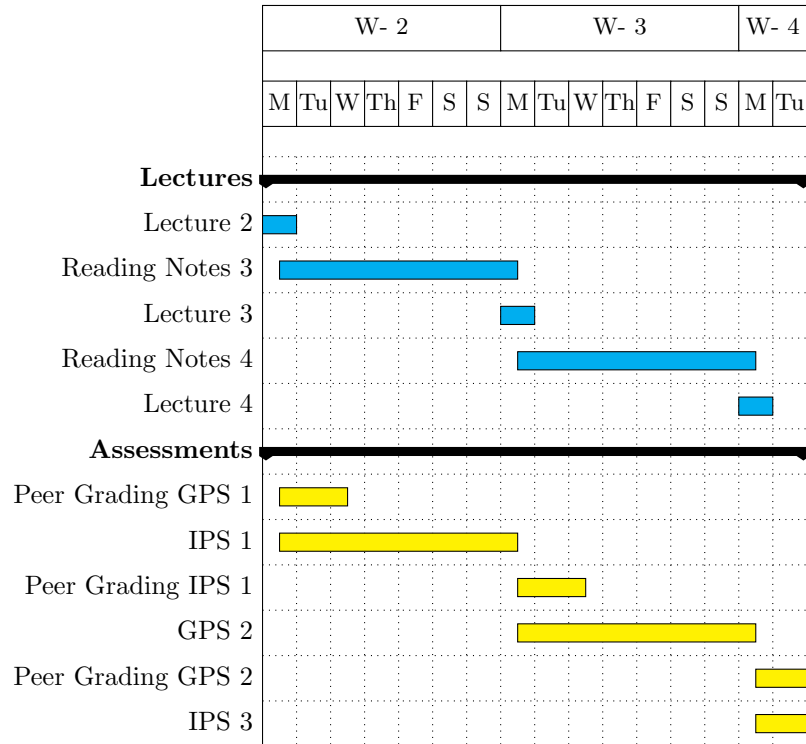


More concretely, it would progress as follows. Each week, you will need to upload **annotations** on the readings using Perusall. Reading Annotations will be weekly assignments that are due before lecture each Monday. The **weekly lectures** will then rely on those annotations to help tailor the material.

Concurrently, there will be a cycle of assignments. The first is a classic **Group Problem Set** (GPS). These are the 'standard' assignment that you're used to; approximately 4-5 questions that are designed to help you learn the material for the previous lectures. They can be worked on collaboratively, see the guidelines in the Syllabus for the rules around collaboration. For each Problem Set, there will also be a **Peer Grading** that is also explained in the Syllabus. We expect you to spend approximately one-to-two hours on the Peer Grading.

The second type of assignment is an **Individual Problem Set** (IPS). These **must be worked on individually**. They will be shorter (e.g. two to three questions) and consist of two types of questions: 'Mastery Questions' to test whether you have understood the concepts in the previous Problem Set and 'Understanding Questions' to get you to think about recently introduced concepts in the lectures that will be relevant on the next problem set. There is also **Peer Grading** following the IPS.

Figure 2: Example Cycle



Group Problem Sets and Individual Problem Sets will be staggered in the following way: Figure 1 illustrates a ‘typical’ two-week cycle where the bars indicate when the assignment is available (i.e. the start of the bar is when it is released and the end of the bar is when it is due).

To interpret this figure verbally beginning with the second week (since the FAS calendar dictates that our first day of class is a Wednesday rather than a Monday, as it will otherwise be), Lecture 2 occurs on Monday from 12–2pm. Later that day, Individual Problem Set 1 is released that involves material in Lecture 3 (and prior lectures). Individual Problem Set 1 will be due *next* Monday before the start of class. On that Monday, the Peer Grading assignment and Group Problem Set 2 will be released. The Peer Grading will be due by 3pm on Wednesday, and the Group Problem Set 2 will be due *next* Monday before the start of class. At that point, the cycle repeats itself.

The cycle will be slightly modified at the end of the semester due to Thanksgiving recess, but this is the broad pattern that we will stick to. Though there is no lecture on Monday, Oct 12 due to Columbus Day (federal)/Indigenous Peoples’ Day (Cambridge), the assignment cycle remains unaltered. There will be 6 Group Problem Sets (GPS) and 5 Individual Problem Sets (IPS) total.

The full schedule of the assignments are listed below. Remember that before *every* lecture (except the first), Reading Annotations on Perusall are required.

Table 1: Table of Assignments

Assignment Name	Released	Due Date
GPS 1	Wednesday Sept 2 (~2:10pm)	Monday Sept 14 (11:30 am)
Peer Grading on GPS 1	Monday Sept 14 (~2:10pm)	Wednesday Sept 16 (3pm)
IPS 1	Monday Sept 14 (~2:10pm)	Monday Sept 21 (11:30am)
Peer Grading on IPS 1	Monday Sept 21 (~2:10pm)	Wednesday Sept 23 (3pm)
GPS 2	Monday Sept 21 (~2:10pm)	Monday Sept 28 (11:30 am)
Peer Grading on GPS 2	Monday Sept 28 (~2:10pm)	Wednesday Sept 30 (3pm)
IPS 2	Monday Sept 28 (~2:10pm)	Monday Oct 5 (11:30 am)
Peer Grading on IPS 2	Monday Oct 5 (~2:10pm)	Wednesday Oct 7 (3pm)
GPS 3	Monday Oct 5 (~2:10pm)	Monday Oct 12 (11:30 am)
Peer Grading on GPS 3	Monday Oct 12 (~2:10pm)	Wednesday Oct 14 (3pm)
Gov2001: Paper Checkpoint 1: 1pg Write-Up		Wednesday Oct 14 (8pm)
IPS 3	Monday Oct 12 (~2:10pm)	Monday Oct 19 (11:30 am)
Peer Grading on IPS 3	Monday Oct 19 (~2:10pm)	Wednesday Oct 21 (3pm)
GPS 4	Monday Oct 19 (~2:10pm)	Monday Oct 26 (11:30 am)
Peer Grading on GPS 4	Monday Oct 26 (~2:10pm)	Wednesday Oct 28 (3pm)
GPS 5	Monday Oct 26 (~2:10pm)	Monday Nov 2 (11:30 am)
Peer Grading on GPS 5	Monday Nov 2 (~2:10pm)	Wednesday Nov 4 (3pm)
Gov2001: Paper Checkpoint 2: Draft		Wednesday Nov 4 (8pm)
IPS 4	Monday Nov 2 (~2:10pm)	Monday Nov 9 (11:30 am)
ALL: Peer Grading on Paper Draft	Thurs Nov 5 (12pm)	Monday Nov 16 (3pm)
Peer Grading on IPS 4	Monday Nov 9 (~2:10pm)	Wednesday Nov 11 (3pm)
IPS 5	Monday Nov 16 (~2:10pm)	Monday Nov 23 (11:30 am)
Peer Grading on IPS 5	Monday Nov 23 (~2:10pm)	Monday Nov 30 (3pm)†
GPS 6	Monday Nov 30 (~2:10pm)	Monday Dec 7 (11:30 am)
Peer Grading on GPS 6	Monday Dec 7 (~2:10pm)	Wednesday Dec 9 (3pm)
Gov1002/STAT-E200: Take-Home Exam*	Friday Dec 11 (9am)	Friday Dec 18 (6pm)
Gov2001: Replication Paper Due		Monday Dec 14 (8pm)
ALL: Peer Grading on Replication Paper	Tuesday Dec 15 (12pm)	Saturday Dec 19 (12pm)

GPS: Group Problem Set. IPS: Individual Problem Set. † This is due a week later due to Thanksgiving recess!

* Take-home final exam is only for those enrolled in Gov1002 or STAT-E200. Exam has 8-hr limit once you begin.