

THE RESEARCH PROPOSAL

Section 1

Begin to work on your final paper – Due November 20 Friday –There are weeks to write the paper.

This section will be due on Friday Sept 25

This section should be about 3 typed pages including the title page.

Save all of your work in a file or Flash Drive because you will be adding sections to it.

USE THESE EXACT HEADINGS

- **Title** (Your Paper Title on the first page with your name, my name and the course number SOC 443 Social Research)
- **Proposal (On the second page)**
- **Introduction** (Use these Headings)
 - **Background of the Problem** (In this section you will tell me what your topic will be and why this was of interest to you.
 - **Purpose of Study** (What do you believe the purpose of your study will be?)
 - **Significance of the Problem** (Is the purpose of the paper - theoretical (your grand theory of something), empirical (you will produce data on the topic that will be helpful), policy (the results of your study will help pass legislation) or practical (it will give the reader useful information to make their lives better).
 - **Specific Study Objectives** [3-5 objectives]
 - Objective 1.I would like to find out
 - Objective 2.I would like to find out
 - Objective 3.I would like to find out
 - Objective 4.I would like to find out
 - Objective 5.I would like to find out

THE RESEARCH PROPOSAL Paper 2

Begin to work on your final paper. This section will be due on Friday March 13

This section should be about 5 typed pages or more with the same title page as Section 1. (There is no magic page limit number). It must be long enough to layout your research topic and discuss each section.

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- **Conceptual Framework** (is used in [research](#) to outline possible [courses](#) of action or to present a preferred approach to an idea or thought.) Conceptual frameworks can be

- [Working hypothesis](#) (There is a relationship between communication and divorce)
- Descriptive categories (Ex. Sexual abusers/Non-sexual Abusers)
- Practical ideal types (Happy Marriages or Good Citizens)
- Formal hypotheses (see notes and book)

- **Theoretical perspectives** (I believe that XXX is related to XXX because of XXX because of XXX.)

- **Definitions of concepts**—define how **you** will use all of your major terms and concepts. This can be a glossary LIST. (EX. Child Sexual Abuse, Human Trafficking, Divorce, Infidelity, etc.

- **Literature Review**—builds case for hypotheses. See list below:

- It is literally that: a "re" view or "look again" at what has already been written about your topic.
- A compilation of the research that has been published on a topic by recognized scholars and researchers.
- Defined by a guiding concept (e.g., your research objective.)
- Provides background and support for the issue that you are studying.

- Puts the problem into historical perspective (start with the oldest/earliest research and move toward today –Ex. 1960s to 2011)
- If necessary show how others handled similar problems in the past.

- **Hypotheses**—expected relationships between independent and dependent variable. (You may have several hypothesis in your paper)

- *X is related to Y*

Review your articles and keep notes for use in the Review of Literature section and for use in the discussion of your conclusions at the end of the paper.

THE RESEARCH PROPOSAL Paper 3 Methods

Begin to work on your final paper. This section will be due on **Friday** March 29.

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- **Research Methods**

- Which of the five types of research on Page 10 in Textbook are you going to use. (Non-experimental – Descriptive, Historical, Correlational, Qualitative; Experimental – True Experimental or Quasi-experimental) (About one paragraph)
- If you choose Historical, Qualitative explain your research techniques
- If you choose Experimental explain how you selected your Control and experiment test groups
- If you choose Descriptive, Correlational or Quasi-experimental explain your technique below

- **Population/Sample**

- Target population (will you be able to research all? Usually not.)
- Sampling (If you cannot research all of the Population, then you must sample)
- Sampling Procedures (how will you choose your sample?)
 - Random
 - Representative

- **Data Collection**

- Procedures for obtaining data (will you use a questionnaire, observation, experimental design?)
- **Variables**

- **Dependent**
- Specific measures linked to defined concepts
- Questions, categories, and codes—how data will be treated
- **Independent**
 - **Control**

THE RESEARCH PROPOSAL Paper 4 Methods

Begin to work on your final paper.

Due Friday April 5

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- **Research Instrument**-Create 10 questions that the respondents will answer. Behind each question tell me the Level of Measurement (Nominal, Ordinal, Interval or Ratio Textbook page 101)
- **Ethical considerations**
 - **Risks of harm** (Will there be any potential physical, mental or emotional harm to respondents)
 - **Privacy and confidentiality** (How will you ensure the privacy of the data?)
 - **Debrief the respondents** – How will you let the respondents know what the research was about?
 - **Cost-Benefit Ratio** – Will the cost of the study (including the mental or physical discomfort be worth the gain in scientific knowledge)

This section will be due on **Friday April 19**.

THE RESEARCH PROPOSAL Paper 5 Findings

Begin to work on your final paper. This section will be due on **Friday April 12**

This section should be about 2-4+typed pages or more with the same title page. (There is no magic page limit number). It must be long enough to layout your research topic and discuss each section.

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- **Findings**
 - Provide dummy tables that will test hypotheses is necessary in your topic
 - Use at least two “dummy” or Blank tables that show your data
 - Create a Table with headings but no numbers inside.

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F		
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- **Summary and Implications**
- **References**—Use one of the established and consistent format (ASR, APA, MLA, etc.) (Cite **all** references in your paper).

THE RESEARCH PROPOSAL Paper 6 Entire Paper

The entire paper will be due on **Friday April19**

Title Page plus Papers 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5

Do not worry about typing page numbers, you can hand write them.

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