**Research Proposal Assignment Guidelines**

*Sections of the Research Proposal*

* Cover Page
* I. Introduction
  + State the Problem.
    - You can add creative elements here and/or include some historical/cultural context.
  + Describe the purpose of your study.
  + Write your main research questions – one that describes your quantitative design and one that describes your qualitative design.
    - You also have the option of including a hypothesis or stating that the study is exploratory for the quantitative component of this paper.
  + Include the definitions and terms of any important concept (e.g. like terrorism).
  + Note the significance of your study – Why is it important?
* II. Literature Review
  + This section should contain a summary/synthesis of existing research related to your topic and an explanation of how your topic contributes to prior research, either theoretically or empirically.
* III. Methodology and Procedure
  + Research Design (You are required to use both the quantitative research design and qualitative research design)
  + Target Population and Sample
    - Tell me about your unit of analysis
    - Also include how you will try to find your participants, how will they be chosen, the inclusion criteria, the size, etc.
    - Include any other relevant information like incentives, etc.
  + Phase I Quantitative Research
    - Which quantitative method are you going to use? Students are required to select surveys
    - What is your sampling technique?
    - How are you collecting your data? Everyone is required to make a questionnaire; please attach it to the end of the paper
    - Mentions some important terms and how they are conceptualized and operationalized
    - State your independent & dependent variables as well as possible control variables
    - State the level of measurement for your independent and dependent variables
    - How are you going to analyze your data?
    - How are you going to test for reliability & validity?
  + Phase II Qualitative
    - Which qualitative method are you going to use? Students are required to select interviews.
    - How are you collecting your data? What is your sampling technique? How many participants do you have for the qualitative component?
    - What interview schedule will you use?
    - Tell me more about the interview process.
    - What are some of the qualitative questions and/or probes that you plan to ask?
    - How are you going to analyze your data?
    - How are you going to establish trustworthiness?
* IV: Ethical Consideration
  + How are you going to ensure the protection, dignity, rights, and safety of all research participants?
* V: Role of the Researcher (Quantitative & Qualitative)
  + What is your role in the quantitative research component? What is your role in the qualitative research component?
* VI: Conclusion
  + Summarize your proposed study and explain how your study would contribute to the field of your choice. Also, provide a sense of closure.
* VII: References
* VIII: Questionnaire