**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