

Schedule for Term One of Three-Term Project

Goal by end of term 1: Background Research and Development of a Proposal

Week 1 - Advisor(s) run this meeting.

- Introduction and Background
- Assignments
 - Problem statement and goal statement (1-3 paragraphs)
 - Identify background research areas
 - Start doing background research
 - Prepare agenda for next meeting, including summary of accomplishments, discussion of assignments, and summary of plans for subsequent week.

Week 2 - Students run this and subsequent meetings.

- Discuss problem and goal statement - is goal clear, active, achievable, measurable, responsive?
- Discuss areas and sources for background research
- Assignments:
 - Draft a 2-page Introduction that frames (and if necessary refines/revises) the problem statement and goal in context of the literature - due in 2-3 days
 - Continue background research
 - Develop an annotated bibliography summarizing the relevant material found in sources (at least 20 sources).

Week 3

- Discuss Introduction draft, annotated bibliography, background chapter
- Assignments
 - Detailed outline of Background chapter
 - Continue background research
 - Second draft of Introduction
 - Begin identifying possible methodologies for achieving goals

Week 4

- Discuss Background outline, introduction, methodologies
- Assignments
 - First draft of background chapter
 - Continue background research as necessary, and methodology research

Week 5

- Discuss Background draft, method choices
- Assignments
 - First draft of Methodology
 - Begin revising Background

Week 6

- Discuss Methodology draft
- Assignments
 - Complete draft proposal

Week 7

- Final presentation and discuss proposal draft