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