

UBC, Geography 419: Research in Environmental Geography.

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Term Project Proposal Guidelines.

Two pages, due in class on January 18, 2012. This proposal is worth 10% of your final grade. Please include at least five peer-reviewed sources, cited in an appropriate format.

The proposal:

Once we have identified your community partner, your first task is to define your research.

Begin your proposal with a couple of sentences that introduce the field you want to explore. Then, get right to the point and present a problem that you want to investigate or a thesis statement that you would like to test. Remember, this is a proposal which means that a lot can change by the time you hand in the final product.

Include some discussion of the sorts of information that you will need, and where/how you anticipate getting this "data." Can you foresee what some of your biggest challenges will be in pursuing your chosen research?

Make explicit mention of the methods that you intend to use to analyse your data and to generate your recommendations. What problems will you have to overcome to implement these methods? Make special note of any requirements for ethical review.

Devise a rough calendar or workplan, indicating what you need to have completed, when.

Remember to set some modest, reasonable goals for yourself here. You are aiming to compose a 10-page research paper, not to write a graduate thesis. If you have any questions then get in touch. I look forward to reading your creative proposals!

Marking rubric.

You will be marked according to how much thought you have put into your proposal, how well you have communicated what you want to do, and how creative your approach is. Higher marks will be awarded to those proposals that are more focused. As a general guideline, you should plan on spending at least five hours preparing your proposal.