**Research Project Proposal**

**1. Topic:**

What specific issue will you address in your research project?

Why does it merit study and analysis?

In what ways is it relevant to our course­?

In what ways is your approach to researching the topic original?

What do you expect to get out of your research?

**2. Thesis:**

Spell out the main thesis of your research and speculate about the outcome of your research. (You must have some background knowledge about your topic in order to be able to state the thesis in a couple of sentences.)

What will your research demonstrate or prove about the topic/issue?

**3. Terminology:**

What are the concepts supporting your discussion? What theoretical works studied in our course frame it?

**4. Evidence:**

Explain the process of pursuing your research.

Identify where and from whom you plan to gather your primary data, and present evidence that you’ve collected them. Explain the method you will use in gathering data (participant observation, interviews, questionnaires, text analyses, simulated situations, tests, et al.).

Explain your strategy used to demonstrate accuracy of your thesis.

**5. Conclusion and implications:**

If your thesis is accurate, what does it imply for our understanding of the topic? Argue for your thesis’ significance.

Do you think you could draw on your research in other courses and studies?

**6. Sources/ Bibliography**

Identify the relevant classroom readings. M.A. students include external secondary sources as well. List the primary documents you plan to draw on (media discourse, surveys, etc.).