

RSOC 180: Research Practicum

Winter 2010

T 7:00–10:15 PM Kenna 109

Sect. 54471

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This course is a research practicum for students who have already taken the Research Methods in Religious Studies course, in chosen area of SCTR, TESP or RSOC. With the guidance of a faculty advisor, each student will undertake the research project that she or he designed and proposed during the previous quarter. Students will work with the goal of communicating their research in both presentation and essay format. This course will require both dedicated work on the individual project, as well as regular class meetings to discuss research strategies, pitfalls, and ways to avoid or overcome them. Prerequisite: Intermediate level course (SCTR 20-99, TESP 20-99, or RSOC 20-99) or another course approved as fulfilling the intermediate level Core requirement in Religious Studies and completion of 88 quarter units and completion of SCTR, TESP, or RSOC 179.

Required Reading:

Booth, Colomb and Williams, *The Craft of Research*, 3rd ed. (University Of

Chicago Press, 2008)

Requirements and Grading:

1. Attendance and active participation at all sessions (5% of grade)
2. Research Plan (5% of grade)
3. Thesis Statement and Paper Outline (5% of grade)
4. Draft Paper (Approximately 2000 words; 10% of grade)
5. Presentation of Research Findings (20 minute presentation; 15% of grade)
6. Final Paper (Article-length paper in the range of 3000-8000 words, approximately 12-32 pages; 60% of grade).

Academic Honesty Policy

Plagiarism or academic dishonesty in any form (as described in the Student Conduct Code) will result in a failed grade for the project, and possibly for the course. All allegations of academic dishonesty will be reported to the department chair and Office of Student Life. For a full presentation of University policies concerning plagiarism, see:

<http://www.scu.edu/studentlife/resources/academicintegrity/>

In order to avoid the sanctions applied to cases of academic dishonesty, please make sure that you properly cite all sources that you utilize in your writing, including works that are directly quoted or paraphrased, as well as works used as a source of information. This includes both print and online sources. Your paper submissions must consist of your own writing, and any direct quotations or paraphrasing from other works must be properly cited.

Disability Accommodations Policy:

To receive academic accommodations for a disability, students must contact Disability Resources located in Benson 216. The phone number is 408-554-4109 or inquiries can be emailed to Robin Cole, Administrative Associate, rcole@scu.edu. Students must register with Disabilities Resources and provide

documentation of a disability to Disabilities Resources prior to receiving academic accommodations.

Assignments

Week 1 (1/5) Introductory Meeting

Topic: Planning your research program

Week 2 (1/12) **Research Plan Due**

Topic: Drafting a Funding Request

Week 3 (1/19) **Funding Requests Due** (optional)

Topic: Overcoming Research Challenges

Week 4 (1/26)

Topic: Organizing your Research Paper

Week 5 (2/2) **Thesis Statement and Paper Outline Due**

Topic: Developing a Convincing Argument

Week 6 (2/9)

Topic: Crafting a Short Paper

Week 7 (2/16) **Paper Drafts Due**

Topic: Crafting a Research Presentation

Week 8 (2/23)

Presentations # 1-2

Week 9 (3/2)

Presentations # 3-5

Week 10 (3/9)

Presentations # 6-8

FINAL PAPER DUE 12 noon Thursday 3/18