

ENGLISH 5397 - Guided Integrative Study

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Catalogue Description:

GIS is a required capstone course for English MA students qualified for graduation, including the exit exam. This course allows students to demonstrate thorough understanding of a focused topic as well as mastery of critical thinking, research, and writing skills.

This course consists of the following research benchmarks: selection of a research topic, development of a research plan, and the initiation and completion of directed research.

By the end of the semester, students should have completed a 20-25-page (double-spaced) GIS manuscript, which they will submit to their GIS Director. Students should also submit a GIS Portfolio to the Director of Graduate Studies, Dr. Tara Propper (tpropper@uttyler.edu) by the end of their GIS semester.

The GIS portfolio should be comprised of the following assignments: 1) a 250-500 word research proposal, 2) an annotated bibliography of at least 25 works, 3) an 8-10 page historical-bibliography essay (literature review), 4) five proposed exit exam prompts based on your research topic, 5) a take-home exit examination, and 6) a 20-25-page course paper.

Course Calendar:

Week and Topic	Readings	Due
Week 1 Proposal	Watch Dr. Kelly's lecture on "Developing a Research Agenda" and "Writing Proposals" (on Modules)	Proposal Discussion due Friday (see Discussion Board forum)

<p>Week 2</p> <p>Proposal</p>		<p>Proposal for GIS Project due on Friday</p>
<p>Week 3</p> <p>Annotated Bibliography</p>	<p>Read "Engaging Research Sources" from the <i>Craft of Research</i> (on Modules)</p> <p>Watch "Engaging Sources" lecture</p>	<p>Annotated Bibliography Discussion due Friday (see Discussion Board forum)</p>
<p>Week 4</p> <p>Annotated Bibliography</p>		
<p>Week 5</p> <p>Annotated Bibliography</p>		<p>Annotated Bibliography due Friday</p>
<p>Week 6</p> <p>Literature Review</p>	<p>Read "Literature Review Resources," "Literature Review Excerpt," and "Literature Review Criteria" (on Modules)</p>	<p>Literature Review Discussion due Friday (see Discussion Board forum)</p>

<p>Week 7</p> <p>Literature Review</p>		<p>Literature Review due Friday</p>
<p>Week 8</p> <p>Building the GIS Paper</p>	<p>Review "Writing an Introduction Blueprint" (on Modules)</p> <p>Watch Writing an Introduction and Framing a Research Question (Modules)</p>	
<p>Week 9</p>	<p>Spring Break</p>	
<p>Week 10</p>	<p>Framing Your Research Supplement (on Modules)</p>	
<p>Week 11</p>	<p>Review "Writing a Methods Section Blueprint" (Modules)</p> <p>Watch Creating a Methods Section (Modules)</p> <p>Drafting a Methods Section Supplement (on Modules)</p>	<p>Five Exam Questions due on Monday</p>

Week 12		GIS Exam circulated on Friday at 5PM
Week 13	Review "Writing Body Paragraphs Blueprint" (Modules)	***GIS Exam due on Monday at 8AM
Week 14	Review "Writing a Conclusion Blueprint" (Modules) Watch "Writing Conclusions"(Modules)	
Week 15		
Week 16		***GIS Portfolio due Monday