

ISP Proposal

Your ISP proposal must include: Name, ISP Working Title, and your proposed ISP Site

Please write up a summary paragraph (in both Spanish and English) of your ISP topic and research strategy and **email** it to me as well as posting your full proposal. **Paragraphs** and **draft proposal** are both due on **Thursday, March 22nd, 2018**.

ISP Proposal Outline:

1. *Formulation of your Research Question*

- Your overall goal and the main ISP question that your investigation will attempt to answer. This statement is the whole basis of your ISP—it should be tight. A good research question will require a lot of thought and work, and will undergo a process of refinement.
- A brief discussion of the focus of the study, time and space delimitations, and a clear justification. Why should we study the issue you intend to focus on?
- Identification of guiding themes within your ISP research. This will feed into your conceptual framework.

2. *Literature Review and Theoretical Framework*

- Provide a brief background or review of literature and previous research on the topic.
- A literature review should, ideally, give the reader the background necessary to understand the research question and its place within the field of research.
- This might include historical context and a review of other studies that have been conducted. This information will eventually inform the introduction and literature review of your ISP.

This information may come from books, journals, pamphlets, Internet sites and/or discussions with experts. At this stage your literature review does not have to be complete but you should have a good idea of what we already know about the subject of your investigation.

3. *Develop your conceptual framework*

- This can be developed through deduction—or a summarization of the concepts, underlying theory and research question(s) that will be explored in your ISP.
- You can also apply “grounded theory” to develop a conceptual framework. However, you should be sure to justify your use of grounded theory.

4. *Select your field work approach, methodology, and your ISP investigation plan*

- What information will be collected and what techniques will you use to gather information
- Where and with whom will field research will be conducted
- Sequence for gathering the information?
- What type of questions will you address in interviews?

5. *Preliminary Outline (only for the final draft)*

6. *Feasibility study (only for the final draft)*

- Budgetary
- Time frame
- Contacts
- ISP Advisor

This is a **draft ISP proposal** and **paragraph** due on **Thursday, March 22nd, 2018**.
The **final** proposal is due **Friday, March 30th, 2018**.

ISP Evaluation and Grading Criteria

The Independent Study Project evaluation will be based on the following criteria. Note, this may vary depending on the nature of your ISP:

Independent Study Project. Evaluation of the Project is based on:

- Title / Acknowledgements / Abstract (and *Resumen*)
- Research Question / Objectives / Justification
- Context and Literature Review
- Methods
- Ethics
- Presentation of results/findings
- Depth of analysis
- Conclusions
- Technical aspects

Independent Study Project Oral Presentation. Evaluation of the Oral Presentation is based on:

- Articulation of the primary study/research question
- Clear introduction to presentation
- Contextualization of the research
- Explanation of methods and ethical considerations
- Inclusion of a brief personal reflection
- Responses to questions from the audience
- Presentation that is well organized, stays within the designated time, and is well articulated
- Delivery of a creative, respectful and professional presentation

Independent Study Project Work Journal/Process. Evaluation of the Work Journal and Process is based on:

- ISP Proposal
- Organized and well labeled work journal entries
- References to secondary research material
- Personal and critical reflections
- Meetings with ISP advisors
- Paper outline
- Creative entries, as applicable
- Effort

Independent Study Project (ISP)		
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• ISP LRB documents, draft (e-mail)	20%	22/03
• ISP LRB documents, final (e-mail)	5%	30/04
• ISP final Field Journal	20%	09/05
• ISP paper (e-mail)	20%	09/05
• ISP oral presentation (CIES)	20%	11/05; 12/05
Total	100%	