

Research Methods

STAT 480 Research Proposal DUE: 5pm Thursday 11/02/2017 3/3

From the first assignment, you have already done the introduction and literature review. For the full research proposal, you need to add a brief abstract and chapters on “methods” and “research goals”. For example, the structure might be

- Title of your research proposal.
- Brief abstract
- Introduction
- Literature review
- Methods
- Research goals
- References

The number of pages is optional, but you shouldn’t write “too long”. The length of 6 to 10 pages is good.

Guidelines for Evaluation

The research proposal contributes 50% of the final mark. Your performance will be marked by lecturers based on the following criteria:

- Introduction and literature review provide a good overview of the research project.
- Methodology is explained.
- Research goals are described clearly.
- Reference has cited correctly.

An example (PhD proposal proposal) is available from Google drive and Blackboard. **Note:** This example is long because it is based on one-year work. The file name is `proposal_example.pdf`.