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Term Paper: Research Proposal

A term paper in this class (10 percent of your grade) is a research proposal (research question) that includes chapter 1 and 2 without actual analysis.

Several Questions to be Answered:

- “What is the public problem you want to study?”
- “Why is the problem important and significant?”
- “What is the scope of your research? (e.g., location, institution, and time-span)?”
- “Which specific aspect of the problem do you want to focus on?”

Chapter 1 (Introduction): Describe your public problem and its significance. Highlight your research question (“What you want to study?”). Provide scope, time-span, and aspect of your research. A relevant aspect, for example, is absenteeism rather than overall human resource management. You may read:

- How to make a bad research question? (sonsoo.org)
- Narrowing down to a specific research question (sonsoo.org)
- Or check abstract or chapter 1 of PMPP master theses in the library

Chapter 2 (Literature review): Chapter 2 reviews at least two academic books or papers that are highly related to the research question. Check the syllabus to find out relevant books or papers. Do not summarize entire book or paper; instead, highlight the part that is most related to what you want to study. Check the summary of citation styles on sonsoo.org.

The first draft summarizes a research question (chapter 1) in one page and final draft must include both chapter 1 (Introduction) and 2 (Literature Review).

Format and Length: Use the weekly memo template (single-spaced with default font). Do not exceed one page in the first draft and two pages in the final draft. Ignore an executive summary.

Submission: The first and second drafts should be submitted to TA by November 11th and December 11th, respectively.

End of project.