**INLS 781-003 Proposal Development**

**(1.5 credit hours)**

**Fall Semester 2016 (8/23-10/6)**

**T/Th 12:30 – 1:45 Manning 307**

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**Course Description**

During this course, each student will develop a proposal for the work to be completed during

the following semester in the master's paper/project (INLS 992).

**Prerequisite**

INLS 581.

**Textbook and readings**

The required text for the course is: Punch, K.F. (2007). *Developing Effective Research Proposals*. Sage.

We will read the entirety of this book and use it to structure our work together.

In addition, we will read several chapters from: Wildemuth, B.M. (2009). *Applications of Social*

*Research Methods to Questions in Information and Library Science*. Libraries Unlimited. (It may be useful for you to have a copy of it available for your own use. It will also be available on

reserve at the SILS Library.) Additional required readings are listed on the class schedule.

In addition, class members will be reading independently in support of their proposal development. You will be expected to report on some of these readings during class discussion, as noted on the class schedule.

**Class Schedule:** https://sakai.unc.edu/x/cOYRJz

**Assignments and grading**

The course grade will be based on the completed proposal (85%, due October 20) plus class

participation (15%).

**The Honor Code**

The UNC Honor Code, which prohibits giving or receiving unauthorized aid in the completion of

assignments, is in effect in this class. The Instrument of Student Judicial Governance gives examples of actions that constitute academic dishonesty

There are some specific guidelines for this class.

* You are encouraged to discuss the issues raised in class or by the readings with each other. Class time will be used for this purpose, but feel free to have such discussions outside of class meetings as well
* You may give and receive assistance regarding the use of hardware and software, including statistical analysis software.
* You will be expected to read and critique your classmates' work, as noted on the class schedule. While this activity may also provide ideas for your own work, each student's proposal is expected to be unique. If you have any questions about the influences of your classmates' thinking on your own work, please discuss them with me.

Other course policies

* You are encouraged and expected to participate in discussions
* Reading assignments should be completed before class so that you can ask questions and participate.
* All cell phones should be turned off during class; please, no texting during class.
* If there is something you don't understand, please ask a question. If you don't want to ask during class,
* visit me during office hours although it is likely someone else will benefit from you asking the question in class.
* Assignments must be turned in at the beginning of the class in which they are due.