

## INTRODUCTION TO RESEARCH DOCUMENTS

There are five files dealing with the Research Project:

1. Preliminary Statement for research stretching over two quarters
2. Research Prospectus for research stretching over two quarters
3. Preliminary Statement designed for a one-quarter research project
4. Questions for the research project evaluation.
5. Notes of aspects of the class process in establishing topics and moving to the preliminary statement

You might want to keep several things in mind as you read these documents. They are designed for collaborative research but can be easily modified for the single researcher/author. The Preliminary Statement and the Research Prospectus are designed to be completed in the first quarter if a two-quarter program (the Preliminary Statement about mid quarter; the Prospectus at quarter's end). All of the conceptualization and much of the research should be completed by the end of the first quarter. The writing process (a completed draft and a substantially revised final paper) takes place during the second quarter. With the exception of the project evaluation and the notes on process, these documents do not speak to the second quarter writing and rewriting process nor to any workshops or additional work that might be done along the way. These would depend on the students' skill levels, particular problems they might be running into regarding developing analytical frameworks, research, etc., or specific technical matters related to the program that need further explication for effective research and analysis