



CL7542
Implementation of Thesis Proposal
October 2009 – March 2010

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SEMINAR DESCRIPTION

This seminar helps participants implement the thesis proposal that was developed in the previous seminar, a thesis proposal that incorporates a theologically informed use of social science research. Participants are also guiding through the writing process of drafting the first four chapters of their eventual thesis—introduction, literature review and theoretical perspectives, biblical and theological perspectives, and research methodology.

APPROACH

The intent of this seminar is to provide participants with assistance in implementation their thesis research design, as well as assistance in engaging in the thesis writing process.

OBJECTIVES

Each seminar participant will . . .

1. Begin the implementation process of their thesis research design.
2. Begin the process of writing their thesis by completing full drafts of the first four chapters of their eventual thesis.

COURSE FORMAT AND EXPECTATIONS

Seminar Structure

The seminar is divided into three phases.

Phase I – Implementation and Initial Drafting October 30, 2009 – January 3, 2010

Phase II – Seminar January 4-8, 2010

Phase III – Further Implementation and Drafting January 9 – March 30, 2010

Use Of Technology

To facilitate communication, each participant will be expected to have a Luther Seminary email address. This address will allow each person to access the software that is being used for course management, which can be accessed through MyLutherNet.

COURSE ASSIGNMENTS

Reading

Continued reading in the area of the research thesis focus—self directed.

SEMINAR ASSIGNMENTS

Module Assignments

Each participant is expected to complete four (4) modules for this seminar, in addition to participating in the week-long seminar meeting in January. All of the modules involve drafting chapters for the eventual thesis.

Module 1: Complete Draft of Chapter 2—Literature Review and Theoretical Lenses (include any partial ethnographic here)

The purpose of this module is for each participant to submit a full draft of the second chapter of their thesis that deals with their literature review and the theoretical lenses they are using in their research. A partial ethnography should be included if this is necessary for setting up an explanation of your research.

Assignment

Draft the full chapter and then offer feedback and response to the persons in your assigned group.

Post draft of chapter two by: November 27, 2009
Respond to your group members by: December 4, 2009

Module 2: Complete Draft of Chapter 3—Biblical and Theological Perspectives

The purpose of this module is for each participant to submit a full draft of the third chapter of their thesis that deals with biblical and theological perspectives.

Assignment

Draft the full chapter and then offer feedback and response to the persons in your assigned group.

Post draft of chapter three by: December 11, 2009
Respond to your group members by: December 18, 2009

Module 3: Complete Draft of Chapter Four—Research Methodology

The purpose of this module is for each participant to submit a full draft of the fourth chapter of their thesis that deals with their research methodology.

Assignment

Draft the full chapter—feedback will be provided during the week of seminar.

Post draft of chapter four by: December 31, 2009

Week of Seminar

The week of seminar on January 4-8, 2010 will be devoted to the following:

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1. Reviewing progress on implementation of research design, with problem solving as needed.
 2. Continued review of drafts of chapters completed.

Module 4: Complete Draft of Chapter One and Update Chapters Two-Four

The purpose of this module is for each participant to submit a full draft of the first chapter of their thesis and to also complete revisions to chapters two-four.

Draft the full chapter and then offer feedback and response to the persons in your assigned group.

Post draft of chapter one by: March 1, 2010

Respond to your group members by: March 15, 2010

Submit revised drafts of chapters one-four.

Post revised drafts by:

March 31, 2010