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Canadian Studies 365D is a student-initiated study, research and writing course. It is available to students who are interested in pursuing in-depth independent study and writing in an area not covered by conventional courses. Students are invited to discuss their ideas with the Program Director and to submit a formal project proposal for consideration. An on-campus advisor, based in one of the University's departments may be assigned a supervisory role.

It is to be noted at the outset that there is often more work involved in Canadian Studies 365D than in regular on-campus and in distance education courses. For this reason it is recommended that consideration be given to completing Canadian Studies 365D over the Fall and Winter terms, for example. In the first term, and for the purpose of obtaining enrollment permission—the project proposal must be presented to the Director for approval. After enrollment permission is obtained, formal course registration may take place, project work is undertaken leading, in due course, to submission of the completed project.

Appropriate arrangements will be made to assure a regular flow of communication between the student investigator and Program Director and/or other advisers at various stages of project completion.

Suggested Format for Project Proposals

While project proposals may be presented in various suitable ways, the following format is suggested as a basis for organization.

1. Background Statement
   - Reason for interest and background with respect to Canadian Studies
   - Definition of topic area and type of research to be undertaken—state whether or not your proposed research will involve human subjects (see Special Note, below).
   - Significance of topic to Canada, Regions, social groups or groupings.

2. Project Details—Initial Statement—include as much as you can with respect to:
   - Introduction—Thesis/Argument Statement—opening Background, Purpose, Scope statements—the scope statement will outline the boundaries of the investigation, for example—time period to be covered, place, social groups.
   - Organization of Essay—An initial or opening perspective on the flow of topics to be examined
   - Body of Essay—enumerate if you can, and if appropriate, the initial topics to be covered (as, for example, in the sections and or chapters of a book)

Special Notes: Many projects in Canadian Studies involve research that requires face-to-face contact with human subjects—specifically, interviews. Such interviews require that the researcher show considerable sensitivity to the person or persons being interviewed. It is to be especially noted that Canadian Studies project proposals that require such interviews must be screened by and filed with the University of Waterloo Office of Human Research and Animal Care. There is an Application for Review of Research With Human Participants, (Form OHR 101) that must be completed and filed.