**Environmental Economics**

**Econ 2505**

**Prof. S. MacDonald**

**Fall 2014**

**What to include in your research proposal: Due Wed. November 12**

**One paragraph that introduces your topic.**

**Research Hypothesis**—expressed in one of the following formats: (depending on the style of your presentation

o As a one-sentence hypothesis

o As a research question

o As a title for your paper

A paragraph that discusses other disciplines does your research involve in addition to economics. Provide an explanation of the connections between your project and other disciplines.

Definition/Explanation of any essential terms [concepts or disciplinary-specific terms of the field your research will involve]; be sure to include footnoting of the sources of your definitions.

Description of how you will conduct your interdisciplinary research; the design of your research; **In this section, you must include a sentence which states that your research requires an interdisciplinary approach.**

**For example: “An interdisciplinary approach is essential to [fill in……….] because no single disciplinary perspective can adequately address this question/issue. Here you need to briefly explain why this is so.**

This section is the “road map” in two prose paragraphs describing your research. It paints a picture of the proposed path of your research over the semester. It will be your guide to putting together your final presentation.

**Expected conclusions (optional)**: The conclusions must answer the hypothesis. Do not introduce into the conclusion any element which does not follow from your lines of inquiry for the hypothesis. However, you may indicate possible direction for future research as a result of your findings.

**The summary should be about one to 1 and ½ pages.**

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