

Three Paper Dissertation Proposal Option Title

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Overview

This three-paper dissertation examines X overall topic. The first paper, “title,” uses Y method to examine Z. The second paper, “title,” uses Y method to examine Z. The third paper, “title,” uses Y method to examine Z.

Introduction

a) introduction to the topic, b) broad summary of the literature on the overall diss topic (focus on the lit not covered in the individual lit reviews for each paper)

Title of Paper 1

a) abstract, b) introduction to the specific topic of this paper, c) summary of the literature specific to this paper, d) full description of proposed method(s), e) significance of study, f) limitations

Note: See [Thesis/Dissertation Proposal Template](#) for more detail on the required components.

Title of Paper 2

a) abstract, b) introduction to the specific topic of this paper, c) summary of the literature specific to this paper, d) full description of proposed method(s), e) significance of study, f) limitations

Title of Paper 3

a) abstract, b) introduction to the specific topic of this paper, c) summary of the literature specific to this paper, d) full description of proposed method(s), e) significance of study, f) limitations

Research Timeline

Describe your proposed timeline for completing the research

References

List all the references used in the proposal. Use ASA or ASR style.

Appendix: Interview guide or codebook

For interview projects, develop a preliminary interview guide (you can refine the questions later). For projects involving secondary data analysis, create a codebook of key variables used in the analysis.

The proposal should be 10-15 pages, single spaced (not including references or appendix)