

Appendix A. Case Study Revisions (Workgroup Assignment)

Objective of Case Study Revisions

The objective of the Case Study Revision project is to actively apply the reading and lecture content to existing research agenda. This will provide opportunity to explore the possibilities of transdisciplinary and action research, to practice integrating stakeholder opinions, and the chance to compare the merits of approaches to the same problem.

Timelines and Deadlines

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| 16 Sept 10:15-12:00 | Workgroup 1: Stakeholder Participation |
| 16 Sept 15:00 | Expanded Stakeholder Map Deadline |
| 17 Sept 9:00-10:30 | Workgroup 2: Research Proposal Revisions |
| 17 Sept 17:00 | Draft Research Proposal Deadline and Exchange |
| 18 Sept 10:00 | Stakeholder Feedback Deadline |
| Sept 18 10:00-12:45 | Workgroup 3: Integrate the Stakeholder Feedback |
| Sept 21 8:00 | Final Proposal Revision Due |
| Sept 21 8:00-11:00 | Final Proposal Revision Presentation |

Case Study Assignments

Assignment 1: Stakeholder Participation Map

16 September 12:00

After garnering an understanding of the existing research problem, perspective and approach, it is time to revise this existing research proposal into a transdisciplinary and/or action research proposal. Using the literature provided, select a stakeholder framework that fits with your context. Then use that framework to perform a stakeholder analysis (using outside resources) of your case study research context. Determine who then should be involved, and to what degree. Provide sufficient detail to identify leadership organizations, partners, or community networks that will help you access these stakeholder populations. Capture your stakeholder map in any format that suits your ability to effectively and efficiently communicate the stakeholder groups.

Assignment 2: Draft Revisions to Research Proposal

17 September 17:00

For the draft proposal, workgroups are asked to produce a sketch of your revised research proposal. While the depths of writing is not necessary, the depth of content and understanding is. Express your research in words, graphics, and tables to clearly demonstrate a depth of understanding.

As a group you are expected to produce:

- 1) The contextual background to the problem. Including: what is the problem? To whom and where is it a problem (globally, as well as specifically)? What has been done about the problem? What do you intend to do about the problem? (approximately 500 words)
- 2) A stakeholder map and justification. Based on the work conducted in workgroup 1, and the reflections written, describe who will be included in this research. Justify how and why they were chosen. What is their role? What is at stake? Who are the winners and who are the losers? (approximately 250 words)
- 3) Outline the research timeline. Use a graphic or a table to outline the research process.
- 4) Describe the methodology. What methods of participation and action research will be used? Who is invited to participate and when? How will each phase of the research interact, feed into or support the others? (approximately 500 words)

Draft Proposal Exchange and Feedback

18 September 10:00

Individuals will then be assigned a research proposal (from a different group) and a unique stakeholder perspective. Acting as your assigned stakeholder, look critically at each of the elements and provide tangible feedback that better suits your interests. Return your comments to the original workgroup by 10:00 on the 18th of September. The workgroup will then need to integrate all perspectives into a final draft.

Final Research Proposal Revisions

21 September 8:00

After receiving the feedback from the stakeholder groups, integrate these findings as equally and balanced as possible. Ensuring that stakeholder demands are ethically, and justifiably represented, yet they do not inhibit the quality and feasibility of the research. You will be asked to justify your answers before your stakeholders come the final presentations. Be prepared to highlight collaboration, integration and feasibility.

Final Research Proposal Presentations

21 September 8:00

After final research proposal has been reached (approximately 1250 words). Your workgroup will present the original case study and the proposed revisions (15minutes + 5minutes discussion). Focus should be given to how the new approach improves the quality and applicability of the research. Provide additional reflection on the process, and how methods were chosen and how stakeholder feedback was integrated.