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**POLS 235: Library Research Plan**

Please email a copy of your Library Research Plan to Jylisa Doney ([jylisadoney@uidaho.edu](mailto:jylisadoney@uidaho.edu)) and Florian Justwan ([fjustwan@uidaho.edu](mailto:fjustwan@uidaho.edu)) by 10:00am on Wednesday, 9/16 and I will provide feedback by 5:00pm on Friday, 9/18

**Part 1 – Transform your research question into “searchable” parts**

In the space below, please type your research question and identify its key concepts, then brainstorm a few keywords that are related to each key concept. These related keywords can be synonyms or words that expand your original key concept.

*Example*

*Step 1: Write your research question*

*Why are political parties in the House more polarized in 2020 than in the 1970s?*

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| *Step 2: Identify key concepts* | *Step 3: Identify keywords* |
| *House* | *House of Representatives, representatives, Congress* |
| *Polarized* | *Polarization, differences, party line, opinions* |
| *Political parties* | *Political affiliation, Democrats, Republicans* |
| *Why/reasons* | *Constituents, redistricting, reelection concerns, party allegiance* |

Step 1: Write your research question

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| Step 2: Identify key concepts | Step 3: Identify related keywords |
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**Part 2 – Identify library services and initial library/related resources**

Which library services do you plan to use while working on your research for this class? Please share why you selected these library services.

Which library/related resources do you plan to use to find initial sources related to your research question? Please share why you selected these library/related resources.