

# research design; due in 2 weeks

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1. Design an experiment (or natural experiment) in public administration, ideally in the field of your research interest, as always, be concise and specific!
2. Give a detailed example of INUS condition in public administration, ideally in the field of your research interest.
3. Pick 2 published peer-reviewed articles that are of interest to you (use google scholar); or (less preferable): use Okulicz-Kozaryn (2016) or Okulicz-Kozaryn (2013) or Okulicz-Kozaryn (2011) or Okulicz-Kozaryn and Mazelis (2016); and discuss briefly (say a paragraph) internal and external validity; if you pick paper, make sure it is not too complicated/mathematical, and that it has some research method in it (some papers don't), if not 100% sure, email me!

**TIP:** kill 2 birds with one stone, and combine ps4 and ps5: that is focus on research design in your own project! (of course if you combine ps4 and ps5, make sure you have covered all the above items in your combined ps); also: you don't have to actually carry out experiment, just need to discuss in great detail how would you go about conducting it. But more practical if you can design something that you can actually carry out for your capstone.

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## general directions (always the same):

- ps is due in class in hardcopy
- keep it short; max: 5 single spaced pages; typically way less, say 1 or 2
- if you are stuck, email me early! also can email me if you want some feedback and make sure you are on the right track, etc
- show your work, a "naked" number won't do! unless indicated otherwise, always do calculations by hand
- likewise, numbers should be interpreted—we are not only interested in calculating values of interest, but we are interested in their meaning! whenever you calculate your final quantity of interest, interpret it!
- if your handwriting is bad, please type
- i may want to discuss your assignment in class, which should be beneficial to you and give you more feedback; if however, you'd like to keep it private, let me know!
- ideally you want to use this class to write a research part of your capstone
- think if you can engage civically—see section 'civic engagement component' in syllabus

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