

ANDREWS UNIVERSITY
SDA THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

GSEM 790
DMin Project Proposal
(2 credits)
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INSTRUCTOR

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COURSE DESCRIPTION

Participants receive assistance in forming their DMin project proposal, and orientation to issues in successful completion of the project. Participants review field and literature research techniques, writing standards, how to develop an effective work plan for completion of their project, as well as assistance with other project related topics.

COURSE OBJECTIVE

To assist students in the completion of an acceptable DMin project proposal, based on a relevant ministerial problem or challenge.

COURSE REQUIREMENTS

A. Reading:

1. *Andrews University Standards for Written Work. 10th ed.* Berrien Springs, MI: Andrews University Press, 2001.

This book can be purchased through the Andrews University Bookstore and can also be downloaded from the following URL: <http://www.andrews.edu/GRAD/style.html>. Also found at: www.doctorofministry.com

Skip pages 31-34. The contents of these pages do not pertain to Seminary style. Study carefully the reference styles presented in the Appendix: Footnote and Bibliography Information and Samples—pages 52-56. The working bibliography required in the proposal needs to meet the standards outlined in this section of the book. Follow the examples carefully.

2. *Publication Manual of the American Psychological Association. 5th ed.* Washington DC: American Psychological Association, 2001.

B. Writing:

Write a one-paragraph *Statement of the Problem*. (Statement of the Ministry Challenge).

Write a one-sentence *Statement of the Task*. (Include in the Statement of the Ministry Challenge).

Write a one-page *Description of the Project Process* (The Research Method).
Complete the bibliography exercise (150 points). **Due Wednesday, May 7, 2008.**

Prepare and Submit a Project Proposal (450 points) **Due October 1, 2008.**

COURSE GRADES:

Bibliography Exercise	150 points
Proposal	450 points
Total	600 points

LETTER GRADE SCALE:

A (95-100%)	B (83-86%)	C (73-76%)
A- (90-94%)	B- (80-82%)	C- (70-72%)
B+ (87-89%)	C+ (77-79%)	D (60-69%)

IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

All written papers and reports should be submitted double-spaced and in accordance to *Andrews University Standards for Written Work*. Follow the sample proposals exactly!

Papers turned in late are discounted 20%.

Academic dishonesty, including plagiarism, is a serious offence. Disciplinary measures may include dismissal from the program.

RECOMMENDED BIBLIOGRAPHY

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