

URSC 682

Spring 2010

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Meeting Times Wed 5:00 - 6:00 P.M.

Location: ARCH 302A

Introduction

Course Purpose:

The purpose of this professional seminar is both long-term and short-term. In the short-term the course continues to help URSC Ph.D. students by discussing strategies of various decisions to be made in the course of the program. In this realm, strategies of chair selection, committee composition, topic selection, and publication are discussed. Long-term issues are focused on publication of articles in this semester. Students review various types of articles (i.e., empirical, theory case study, qualitative, policy and comparative) and each type of article is examined for critical components. In addition, issue of authorship, strategies of journal selection, understanding the publication process and the editor's perspective are examined.

No Text Required

In the course of the seminar you will become familiar with the Office of Graduate Study (phone 845-3631), Web Site <http://vpr.tamu.edu/ogsforms.html>, and the program web site http://archone.tamu.edu/laup/Programs/URSC_index.html. In addition you will become familiar with the URSC Handbook.

Performance Evaluation

- 1) You must complete a one-page summary of each article you review—six in all. Pass/fail of each is determined on the basis of the thoroughness of your summary evaluations.
- 2) You select your chair.
- 3) You pre-select your graduate committee.
- 4) You develop a preliminary schedule of course work.

Tasks (Products)

1. Article summaries
2. Committee Short list completed
3. Chair short list completed
4. Course work identified and
5. Preliminary schedule of coursework

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