

## ENGLISH 5397 - Guided Integrative Study

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### Catalogue Description:

GIS is a required capstone course for English MA students qualified for graduation, including the exit exam. This course allows students to demonstrate thorough understanding of a focused topic as well as mastery of critical thinking, research, and writing skills.

### Course Description:

This course consists of the following research benchmarks: selection of a research topic, development of a research plan, and the initiation and completion of directed research.

By the end of the semester, students should have completed a 20-25-page (double-spaced) GIS manuscript, which they will submit to their GIS Director. Students should also submit a GIS Portfolio to the Director of Graduate Studies, Dr. Tara Propper ([tpropper@uttyler.edu](mailto:tpropper@uttyler.edu)) by the end of their GIS semester.

**The GIS portfolio should be comprised of the following assignments:** 1) a 250-500 word research proposal, 2) an annotated bibliography of at least 25 works, 3) an 8-10 page historical-bibliography essay (literature review), 4) five proposed exit exam prompts based on your research topic, 5) a take-home exit examination, and 6) a 20-25-page course paper.

### Course Calendar:

| Week and Topic     | Readings   | Due   |
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| Week 1<br>Proposal | Watch Dr. Kelly's lecture on "Developing a Research Agenda" and "Writing Proposals" (on Modules) | Proposal Discussion due Friday (see Discussion Board forum) |

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| <p>Week 2</p> <p>Proposal</p>               |  | <p><b>Proposal for GIS Project due on Friday</b></p>                             |
| <p>Week 3</p> <p>Annotated Bibliography</p> | <p>Read "Engaging Research Sources" from the <i>Craft of Research</i> (on Modules)</p> <p>Watch "Engaging Sources" lecture</p> | <p>Annotated Bibliography Discussion due Friday (see Discussion Board forum)</p> |
| <p>Week 4</p> <p>Annotated Bibliography</p> |  |  |
| <p>Week 5</p> <p>Annotated Bibliography</p> |  | <p><b>Annotated Bibliography due Friday</b></p>                                  |
| <p>Week 6</p> <p>Literature Review</p>      | <p>Read "Literature Review Resources," "Literature Review Excerpt," and "Literature Review Criteria" (on Modules)</p>          | <p>Literature Review Discussion due Friday (see Discussion Board forum)</p>      |

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| <p>Week 7</p> <p>Literature Review</p>      |   | <p><b>Literature Review due Friday</b></p>         |
| <p>Week 8</p> <p>Building the GIS Paper</p> | <p>Review "Writing an Introduction Blueprint" (on Modules)</p> <p>Watch Writing an Introduction and Framing a Research Question (Modules)</p>                             |  |
| <p>Week 9</p>                               | <p>Framing Your Research Supplement (on Modules)</p>  |  |
| <p>Week 10</p>                              | <p>Review "Writing a Methods Section Blueprint" (Modules)</p> <p>Watch Creating a Methods Section (Modules)</p> <p>Drafting a Methods Section Supplement (on Modules)</p> |  |
| <p>Week 11</p>                              | <p>Review "Writing Body Paragraphs Blueprint" (Modules)</p>   | <p><b>Five Exam Questions due on Monday</b></p>    |
| <p>Week 12</p>                              |   | <p><b>GIS Exam circulated on Friday at 5PM</b></p> |

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| Week 13 |   | <b>***GIS Exam due on Monday at 8AM</b> |
| Week 14 |   |   |
| Week 15 | Review "Writing a Conclusion Blueprint" (Modules)<br><br>Watch "Writing Conclusions"(Modules) |   |
| Week 16 |   | <b>***GIS Portfolio due Monday</b>      |