

Assignment for Final Exam, Fall 2008

ACCT8720--Seminar in Accounting Research and Human Information Processing

Develop a brief research proposal (suggested length 10 pages, 12 point font, double-spaced) which...

- Identifies an interesting accounting-related issue
  - Hopefully you have thought of some throughout the course, and most readings have offered suggestions that you could expand upon.
  - The introduction should summarize why the issue is important, what we already know about it, and the incremental learning to be provided.
- Draws on a guiding theory
  - This is likely to be a theory that we have encountered in our readings
  - It should come from the literature of psychology.
- Provides a review of relevant research
  - You have limited time before the final, so your review cannot be nearly as extensive as expected for your summer paper.
  - It should identify and summarize supporting literature and related research findings (particularly anything similar that already has been done).
- Employs an experimental research design or a nonexperimental (field or archival) study for which you can support the availability of data.
- Specifies testable hypotheses or research questions.

Feel free to work cooperatively if you wish by reading and critiquing each others' work. It's probably not a good idea to brainstorm together at the beginning of this exercise, though, because it would be too easy for disputes to develop over the ownership of ideas.

The exam paper is to be submitted by the scheduled exam meeting time, and at the meeting you should present your proposal for brief feedback. You will have about 20 minutes apiece in the two-hour "final exam" session.