**Research Proposal Worksheet**

**Complete and upload before virtual visit**

Let’s get started thinking about your research proposal. First, jot down a few thoughts about the following:

* What is your major, minor? Public Administration, Nonprofit organization as a minor.
* What *interests* you about these? I work in the public sector already, and I enjoy helping my community.
* What is one other class you’ve taken you *really liked*? A class I really enjoyed was when I was in Valencia, the class was Sociology.
* Which picture did you pick in the first assignment, *why*? I picked the picture of the Rally or Protest, due to it has a lot of question on what is going on with our country now days.

Now:

Jot down three topics you might be interested in finding out more about - *write them as a* ***question*** *if you can*:

* Here is an example: “What are UCF students’ attitudes about COVID?”

1. How do police view their (role in society)?

2. What is the general public attitude toward the issues of environment?

3. What is the impact of globalization on cultural identity in the Western countries?

These questions – one of them – will become your research question. (**key statement**)

Research Question: How do police view their (role in society)?

Variable: the variable in this study is the attitude of police to their role in society.

Hypothesis: It is hypothesized police see their primary role as strict law enforcement.

Purpose Statement: The purpose of this descriptive research is to describe how police view their (role in society) for all governmental jurisdictions in Orange County.

So, pick out one of the topics above and jot down a few notes…

What might the variable(s) be in your topic? (**key statement-variables**)

* In the research question “What are UCF students’ attitudes about COVID?” the variable is ‘attitudes about COVID’.
* In the research question “How do police view their (role in society)?” the variable is attitudes of police officers toward their role in society

How do you think your study might come out if you actually did it (hypothesis)? (**key statement- hypothesis**)

* Example: It is hypothesized students are concerned about COVID.
* In the research question “How do police view their (role in society)?” it is hypothesized police see their primary role as strict law enforcement.

What is the purpose of your research? (**key statement- purpose statement**) Now NOTE the format of this statement!

* Example: The purpose of this descriptive research is describe what student attitudes are toward the COVID virus at UCF.
* The purpose of this descriptive research is to describe how police view their (role in society) for all governmental jurisdictions in Orange County.

What kinds of topics might you discuss in your literature review? For this study – polls of students returning to campus, articles written about young people and COVID, articles written about spring semester and students’ reaction.

* For the research question “How do police view their (role in society)?” the literature review must include polls of police officers in Orange County, articles concerning popular opinions among police officers and a specificity of their professional mentality, general articles, academic books, and other sorts of researches analyzing the sociology of police, researches describing the role of police in political system and a perception of this role by different social groups.

Later on we’ll have to identify a group to sample, who might that be? For this sample we’ll be sampling UCF students!

* For the research topic “How do police view their (role in society)?” a group to sample has to be chosen among police officers of Orange County.

What might we ask them? What is two questions you might ask them?

* Do you feel COVID is restricting your life?
* Are you concerned about contracting COVID?

The Police Role is a strict law enforcer SA, A, N, D, SD

The role is a peacemaker SA, A, N, D, SD

What will the outcome look like? For this study, I’ll be able to tell what concerns UCF students have about the COVID virus.

* The outcome of the research on the topic “How do police view their (role in society)?” will be the identification of actual attitudes of police toward their social roles and the verification of the hypothesis suggesting that, in their opinion, this role is mainly associated with strict law enforcement.