The writing assignment for this course is a 1250-word essay (typed and double-spaced, using 12-point Times New Roman font). The word count excludes text in the paper’s footnotes and bibliography. The paper is due on **December 3rd**. You will select a topic from the list below:

1. Why do foreign trained doctors OR engineers [select one] have such a difficult time practicing medicine OR engineering in Canada? What is being done to address this problem?

2. Why has France banned Muslim women from wearing the niqab?

3. Why were Presidents George W. Bush and Barack Obama unable to introduce comprehensive reforms to US immigration policy? Will Donald Trump succeed?

4. How does citizenship policy in Iran differ from citizenship policy in Canada? What factors help us account for similarities and differences in their approaches?

5. Is reliance on temporary foreign workers in the Persian Gulf States sustainable in the long run?

6. How well has Canada integrated the Syrian refugees it accepted in 2016?

7. Should wealthy countries in the Global North enter into bilateral treaties to accept large numbers of Temporary Foreign Workers from poorer countries in the Global South?

8. Why was immigration such a dominant issue during the Brexit referendum campaign?

9. What accounts for the recent success of the Alternative for Germany party?

10. What accounts for the continued failure of immigration reform in Japan, despite a rapidly ageing population and acute labour shortages?

Before writing your paper, you must prepare and submit a proposal that will include an introductory paragraph with a statement of why you selected your topic, a tentative/working thesis that answers the question you have chosen, and a breakdown of how you plan to develop and defend your argument. Your proposal should also include a bibliography with at least four academic/scholarly sources. You may also include articles from high quality media sources and reputable websites, as well as relevant readings from the course syllabus. More information on what to include in your bibliography is provided below.

The proposal assignment is due on Quercus on **November 12th at 11:59 PM** (Please note that this is one week later than the due date [November 5] indicated on the course syllabus!). Late assignments received after November 12th at 11:59 PM will be penalized 5 per cent per day (including weekends).
Please use this format for your proposal assignment:

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Your name (student number)
Your TA’s name
The date you submitted your assignment

**Essay Topic:** State your topic here

**Introductory Paragraph with Thesis:**

Your paragraph should include a statement of why you selected your topic, a tentative/working thesis that answers the question you have chosen, and a breakdown of how you plan to develop and defend your argument. *You must do some research on your topic in order to develop a thesis statement!*

**Working Bibliography:**

Your bibliography should include **eight** sources. At least **four** of these sources must be academic/scholarly – i.e. articles from academic journals and scholarly books that deal with your topic. The remainder may be articles from high quality media sources – i.e. articles from English-language publications such as *The Globe and Mail*, *The New York Times*, *The Guardian*, *Maclean’s*, etc.; sources from reputable websites – e.g. [www.migrationpolicy.org](http://www.migrationpolicy.org), [http://www.unhcr.org/](http://www.unhcr.org/), [https://www.statcan.gc.ca/eng/start](https://www.statcan.gc.ca/eng/start), (additional online sources are listed in your syllabus); and relevant course readings.

Be sure to follow *Chicago Manual of Style* formatting guidelines in your bibliography ([http://www.chicagomanualofstyle.org/tools_citationguide.html](http://www.chicagomanualofstyle.org/tools_citationguide.html)) like the examples below:

**Articles:**

Some articles only include a DOI (Digital Object Identifier). List such articles like this:


**Books:**

Instructions for citing other sources, such as websites, are available in the online version of the *Chicago Manual of Style*. Follow the instructions in the style guide meticulously – do not lose marks because of improper citations!
Criteria for Grading:

The following questions will be used to assess your proposal:

- Is it correctly formatted, clearly written, easy to read and free of spelling and grammatical errors?
- Does it present a clear argument in response to the question you have chosen, based on the research you have conducted so far?
- Does your working bibliography include eight sources, of which at least four are scholarly/academic?
- Is the bibliography correctly formatted?

Final Thoughts:

This proposal is meant to get you to select and begin research on your topic. Use the resources available to you through the library and Writing Centre. We will provide you with comments on your proposals as quickly as possible to enable you to make improvements on your final paper.

That being said, do not stop conducting research on your topic while awaiting our comments. Continue to gather, read and synthesize sources. Continue to work on your thesis and argument. And continue to develop a sensible plan for organizing your paper.

If you have ANY questions, see me and your TA during office hours and raise questions in lectures and tutorials. You may also email questions to us, though in my experience it is best to seek out assistance in person. Please take advantage of our willingness to help you!