

J395: Women and the News  
 Graduate/"Meets With" section  
 Course Assignment and Grading

All graduate students enrolled in this section are expected to complete the readings assigned for the main, undergraduate course, following the schedule shown in that syllabus. Graduate students are also expected to attend all class meetings and contribute to discussion, participate in class exercises, etc.

Rather than completing the assignments given to the undergraduates, however, graduate students will concentrate on completing a literature review, an original research pilot study, or (for Pro track MA students), a long-form project or story. Students should choose among these options after consultation with the instructor, and students' needs in their particular degree program should guide their choice of which option to pursue.

Assignment	Due	% of Final Grade
Research Proposal	Tuesday Sept.24	0
Revised Proposal	Thursday Oct. 3	20
Literature Review & Research Questions	Thursday Oct. 24	20
Method	Thursday Nov. 7	20
Analysis and Conclusion	Tuesday Nov. 26	20
Final Paper	Thursday Dec. 10	20

Research Proposal:

- Define the research question(s) or hypotheses
- Concisely discuss what motivates that question & key literature/theoretical foundations. In other words, why does your planned research *matter*?
- Concise discussion of planned methods (if doing an original research project).

Literature Review:

- A complete overview of literature relevant to your research question(s); work with instructor to identify relevant literature; also plan to work independently or seek advice from other faculty to identify more.
- Remember that your goal is to come up with a theoretical motivation for your research. What debates or blank spots in existing research will your project help settle or illuminate?

Method:

- A well thought out plan for how you could conduct research that would answer your research question(s).
- Methods should be something you could actually carry out with your existing skills or with skills you are acquiring this semester.

Analysis & Conclusion:

- Report pilot data (for original research projects) or turn in completed paper (for literature reviews and Pro track projects).
- Discuss what you expect to find in a full/completed study and how that would answer your research questions.