

PLS 595-Capstone in Public Administration

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Outline for Applied Research Project:

- ? *Executive Summary (3-5 pages)*
- ? *Central problem, issue, or question Addressed in Study*
- ? *Background and literature review on Problem, including theories about the causes of the problem*
- ? *Research Design including quantitative and qualitative methods used to collect information*
- ? *Statistics documenting the problem, historical and comparative*
- ? *Obstacles to solving the problem, do a Contextual analysis—look at problem or question from an organizational design and behavioral standpoint, finance and budget perspective, personnel and human resources perspective, policy and cost/benefit standpoint, and an ethical perspective*
- ? *Generate and analyze options for solving the problem*
- ? *Recommendations*
- ? *Annotated Bibliography (one page per item to include scope, theory/hypotheses, methods, findings, implications). At least 20 items.*