

# Research Proposal

POLI 100F - Social Networks

August 24, 2022

Research proposal - 40% (due September 2 @ 11:59pm; no final exam)

*Format: five pages or less, double-spaced. No particular citation format is required, but be consistent and cite all sources.*

For your final project, you will write a research proposal to study a social network. In this proposal, you will apply the techniques of social network analysis that we learned in the first half of the course to a social network that you select. Because this is a research *proposal*, you won't gather data or do field research. Instead, you will write about your plan to analyze the network.

For example, you'll want to discuss what the nodes and edges in your network represent, and what kind of patterns you expect the links in your network to display. Successful research proposals will apply the network concepts we learned to a new setting, will identify a testable hypothesis, and will propose a basic research design that identifies network data that could be collected and a method for analyzing that data to test the hypothesis.

Note: the paper you produce for this project can serve as the basis for a [Political Science Senior Honors Thesis](#) proposal.