

**College of Social Sciences/ Political Science**  
**PADM 298, Sec. 01**  
**Special Problems**  
**Spring 2021**

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<b>Classroom:</b>	Virtual via Zoom
<b>Prerequisites:</b>	PADM 210, 212, 213, 214 and 218; and instructor consent.

**Course Description**

Advanced individual research and projects.

Prerequisites are classified standing, completion of all core courses [PADM 210, PADM 212, PADM 213, PADM 214 and PADM 218]; and consent of instructor.

If the final project is not completed in one semester, the students will register in PADM 1290R for the second and following semesters. The project must be completed within seven years of starting the MPA courses. See the following URL for details.

[http://www.sjsu.edu/gape/current\\_students/completing\\_masters/#11](http://www.sjsu.edu/gape/current_students/completing_masters/#11)

**Course Goals and Learning Objectives****Course Learning Outcomes (CLO)**

Upon successful completion of this course, students will be able to:

CLO 1 Demonstrate the ability to conceptualize problems from complex, real world situations so the problems are meaningful to clients, and are research worthy. Assessed in final project.

CLO 2 Demonstrate ability to collect, analyze, and synthesize information from multiple sources. Assessed in final project.

CLO3 Demonstrate ability to communicate effectively in writing. Assessed in final project.

## **Required Readings**

### **Research books**

Student and instructor will select appropriate supportive materials based on the topic selected and the research method employed.

### **Library Liaison**

Paul Kaupilla,

## **SJSU Counseling Services**

The SJSU Counseling Services is located on the corner of 7<sup>th</sup> Street and San Fernando Street, in Room 201, Administration Building. Professional psychologists, social workers, and counselors are available to provide consultations on issues of student mental health, campus climate or psychological and academic issues on an individual, couple, or group basis. To schedule an appointment or learn more information, visit

## Segments of the Final Project:

**1. Background/ Research Question/ Problem Statement.** In the first paragraph you should state clearly the research question/problem statement that the project will address. In the next pages you need to give whatever general information is required for your reader to fully understand the context of your research question/problem statement. This may involve the basic facts of the situation, and the historical, cultural, social, and political context. This was part of your prospectus. However, in the final paper the information will be **stated in the past tense**, as the research will have been completed. The length of the background will depend on the topic.

**2. Literature Review:** The PADM 298 project should contain a comprehensive review of the relevant literature and published reports on the subject of your research question/ problem statement. The purpose of the review is to sharpen your thinking on your topic, and may point you in directions you had not previously considered. The literature review will vary in length. If, for example, you are analyzing a particular public policy question, your entire paper may consist of a review and analysis of public documents. For those engaging in survey research or organizational analysis, the literature review may be as short as six to ten pages.

The literature review covered in the prospectus will be the core of your paper's literature research. You may discover additional sources and so it should probably expand, but the bulk of your sources should already be in the prospectus.

The format of the literature review is an essay describing the available literature related to your topic. You should present the literature in logical order and grouped by relevance to topics in your outline. In the essay you will cite the author's last name and date of the article in APA in-text citation style. See the Hart book from PADM 297 for additional guidance.

**3. Methodology.** This will have been created for your prospectus. It should not change without permission of your adviser. Describe the specific methods that you have used as short as six to ten pages.





The grading rubric follows.

**CRITERIA**

**Excellent**

**Good**

<b>TOTAL SCORE Assessment:</b>											
<b>Excellent</b>	<b>Good</b>	<b>Marginal</b>	<b>Unacceptable</b>								
<b>44</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>32</b>								

As a supervisor, you would consider this work ready for public distribution without any modification.

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