DESCRIPTION:
Introduces students to information systems research using top tier journal articles. Students will develop an understanding of information systems research in and prepare for research development in Information Systems.

Course Materials:
- Extensive readings (see list of articles)
- ISWorld web site: http://www.isworld.org/phd/phd.htm
- AIS web site: http://www.aisnet.org/

Course Objectives:
1. Study, analyze and review key articles.
2. Introduce key topics in MIS from a research perspective.
3. Review and critique MIS framework articles.
4. Examine different research methodologies in IS research.
5. Examine research models in IS Research.
6. Prepare professional review and understand the review process.
7. Identify and evaluate potential researchable areas.
8. Prepare topic analyses of "researchable" ideas suitable for dissertation research.
9. Conduct literature analysis on a suitable research topic.
10. Develop "writing" skills for journal publications.
11. Understand various Ph.D. processes, including the dissertation.

Evaluation:
Your grade is based on the following work and activities:

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Total 100%

The instructor reserves the right to adjust the final grade based on individual effort (or lack thereof).

Readings:
This list is subject to change and may be revised with more current and relevant articles. Articles may also be dropped from this list. In addition, you may suggest articles related to your area of interest. I will include some of these as reading for the whole class.
Additional details on the readings and dates for discussion of the articles are available on blackboard.

Readings
