

## **Guidelines for writing a formal proposal for Directed Research Project**

The proposal should include the following:

- i) Title of the research
  - which demonstrates the interest and focus of the research;
- ii) Formulation of research problem
  - narrow down the focus from a general interest onto something specific enough for a research to be carried out
  - formulate sensible research questions to which your research outcomes can give answers to
  - design and plan which can convince people your research is manageable in terms of time, resources and accessibility
- iii) Methodology
  - ways you plan to collect your data or material;
  - methods you will employ, such as in-depth case study, oral history, content analysis, survey etc. Students should consult what they have learned in the Methodology course in their junior year.
- iv) Bibliography
  - compile a reading list of published materials you think are relevant to the research, and include those you have read while preparing for this proposal