

**Guidelines for CM master students who want to take their research paper credits
(registered under CM600) under Ken-Yu Lin's supervision**

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- Research Paper Topic
 - Must be related to one of my research interests (see my resume online), unless otherwise approved.

- What You Need to Prepare Before Our First Meeting
 - At least two weeks before the quarter you want to register, send me an e-mail to set up the first meeting.

 - Prepare a three page proposal addressing the following items:
 - Tentative paper title
 - Description of the problem to be studied (about half a page).
 - Synopsis of existing literature on the issue (about one page).
 - Description of the proposed study methodology to complete the project (about half a page).
 - Outline of the tasks required to complete the research paper and the anticipated schedule of completion (see the sample below).

	Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4	...
	01.03.2011	01.10.2010			
Task A					
Task B					
Task C					
...					

- References you used.

- Proposal formatting
 - Font size: 12
 - Line spacing: multiple at 1.2
 - Page margin: 1” on all sides
 - Page number: bottom center
 - Footer: your name, e-mail, and the date of the last proposal revision.

- Grammar and spelling check (**very important!**)
 - Make sure that the proposal you turn in is FREE of grammar and spelling errors.
 - For students whose native languages are not English: have someone else proof read your proposal before turning the proposal in.

- E-mail me your proposal at least 3 working days before our meeting.
(For example, if we will meet on Jan. 11, 2011, then I need your proposal before Jan. 6, 2011.)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				Jan 6	Jan 7	Jan 8
Jan 9	Jan 10	Jan 11				

Meeting date

E-mail me the proposal before this date