On Monday, September 21, you will submit a one-to-two page proposal regarding your 990 project. The proposal must be written using a word processor or text formatter such as latex or MS Word. Here is a general outline of a proposal, to give you an idea what yours should contain.

Project Proposal
CSCE 990 – Fall 2015

1. INTRODUCTION
   (a) briefly describe the problem to be addressed;
   (b) motivate the need to solve the problem;
   (c) describe the objectives of the project, such as:
       • to gain a deeper understanding of problems in the topic area
       • to gather empirical results about the topic
       • to develop a new technique for doing something, that improves over existing techniques

2. BACKGROUND
   provide (briefly) any background information needed to understand this proposal, if the introduction couldn’t do this sufficiently

3. OUTLINE OF THE GENERAL PLAN OF THE WORK
   give your plan for completing the project (what you will do and how), including a schedule.

4. PRELIMINARY RESULTS.
   describe any preliminary work you have done that shows the feasibility of the project - may include some of the steps described above that you have already completed.

5. MERIT.
   reiterate the merit of the work; what will the impact be on science and/or practice.