



**BAKER COLLEGE**  
**STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES**

**BUS8420 Problem Research I**

**3 Semester Credit Hours**

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**Student Learning Outcomes and Enabling Objectives**

1. Develop a topic for the dissertation
  - a. Define the terms that are relevant to your topic
  - b. Specify a group or individuals impacted by your topic
  - c. Relate the topic to a specific geographical location and period
  - d. Explain the potential viewpoints on the topic
  - e. Develop a literature map that highlights the critical questions about the topic
2. Examine research that is available on the topic
  - a. Explain the gaps in the literature
  - b. Compare the experts within the topic area
  - c. Distinguish the theories that could be utilized for topic research
3. Problem Statement
  - a. Identify a problem for the dissertation research and demonstrate its feasibility.
  - b. Define the purpose of a problem statement and be able to write an acceptable problem statement for your research.
4. Synthesize responses to colleague comments in a weekly engagement.
  - a. Communicate feedback utilizing examples to illustrate key points
  - b. Provide critical feedback for discussions.
  - c. Reference research to support discussion.

**Big Ideas and Essential Questions**

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- Dissertation Topic
- Research Literature Mapping
- Problem Statement
- Peer Feedback

**Essential Questions**

1. How does a dissertation topic develop?

2. How does a literature map support research process?
  3. What are the key components of a problem statement?
  4. How does peer feedback assist with development of topics and problems?
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These SLOs are not approved for experiential credit.

**Effective: Fall 2023**