

Research Project Assignment Guidelines
Part One: Literature Review

Over the course of the semester, you will be researching a topic of your choice (related to the class topic, of course), culminating at the end of the semester in a 15-page research paper (with a literature review and case study component). The topic of your research needs to be approved by me (Prof. Wibben) by February 16, 2017 at the latest.

Your research paper is supposed to follow a standard research paper model, which includes a Literature Review and a Case Study, framed by an Introduction and Conclusion where you present and then review your thesis. Individual components will be explained in class and/or during personal consultations and further material will be provided on Canvas.

The first part of your project is a 6-8 page Literature Review of the relevant scholarly literature. You need to use between 5-8 scholarly sources (that is: journal articles, book chapters, etc.). If you are unsure about how to write such a review re-read Spray & Roselle 2012, chapter 2 which is available on Canvas. Additionally, USF's Learning & Writing Center [<https://www.usfca.edu/student-life/learning-writing-center>] has additional resources as does the Online Writing Lab (OWL) at Purdue University [bookmark this page: <https://owl.english.purdue.edu/>] which has a wealth of material for you to browse.

The **first draft literature review is due on March 3** on Canvas. However, we will be work-shopping them in class on March 2, so please bring one paper copy of your literature review to class then.

General Notes:

- Make sure you follow these *General Assignment Guidelines*:
 - font size 12 (Times New Roman)
 - double spacing
 - page numbers at bottom of page
 - first page header (with: name, email, assignment/ title, date)
 - APA citation method (see the handout, for more help go to the OWL)
 - works cited page (does not count toward length requirement)
- If you do not know what plagiarism is (or how to avoid it) – look it up.
- FINALLY – start early. Papers written at the last minute almost never succeed!

If you have ANY questions, please don't hesitate to contact me, but do note my general policy about e-mail correspondence – which includes a 48-hour reply window and no e-mails on weekends.

**Don't forget to bring a paper copy of your draft literature review to class on March 2,
so you can help each other edit!**