

## Grading Criteria for Paper 4 (Final Paper), MMW 122, Winter 2017

Note: In order for your paper to be graded, you must submit: an 8-10 page paper with your Works Cited page, all sources, Credible Sources Form (if relevant), and the Paper 4 Grading Rubric. Your work will be considered late until all of these items have been submitted.

A successful final draft will accomplish the following (not necessarily in this order):

1. Provide a **title** that gives the reader direction and focus
2. Clearly define the contemporary **global context** of the topic.
3. Identify and explain a significant **conceptual problem** related to the topic and discovered in your research.
4. Propose an appropriate Level-3 **research question** that addresses the conceptual problem and can be answered with scholarship.
5. Advance a **thesis** statement that answers the question posed (you may discuss the thesis later in the paper)
6. Develop and support your thesis with ample, relevant and factually correct **evidence** provided through scholarship and other credible sources
7. Explain which claims each piece of evidence supports and *how* the evidence supports the claims (**analysis**)
8. Consider at least one scholarly **counter-argument**, present evidence for it, discuss its merits and flaws, and rebut it with evidence, demonstrating why your thesis is stronger
9. Indicate the **significance** of your topic, the question and your thesis in addressing the conceptual problem and question you have identified
10. Advance an **action plan** that demonstrates a localized impact of a global issue and suggests something concrete and doable to effect change in a local context.
11. **Acknowledge your sources** clearly and correctly, and use paraphrase, summary, and quotation, and citation conventions accurately and appropriately (in MLA format)
12. **Organize** your support in a coherent, compelling, logical structure that takes your readers' needs into account
13. Use **scholarly sources** for all research
14. Provide a **Works Cited page** in MLA format
15. Provide **sources** for all cited references, correctly highlighted and labeled, stapled, and presented in the order cited in the paper
16. Write in stylistically effective and grammatically and mechanically **correct prose**. See green highlighting for major grammar or mechanical errors.
17. Adhere to all of the policies for formatting in the **Guidelines for MMW Papers**.

**A-/A:** Meets all of the above criteria at an exceptionally high level, exceeding expectations, in most, if not all instances

**B/B+:** Meets most of the above criteria at a very high level, with only minor exceptions

**C+/B-:** Meets most of the above criteria at a high level, but has some issues that interfere with full realization of goals

**C-/C:** Attempts to meet the above criteria, and for the most part succeeds at an acceptable level, but is difficult to follow or not compelling because of issues with one or more criteria

**D:** Meets few criteria; often unclear or undeveloped; errors significantly impair the essay

**F:** Fails to meet all of the above criteria, or topic is unrelated to the assigned prompt, or uses one or more outside sources