

# Final Paper Guidelines

*For this paper, you will write a 5-7 page paper (not including the title page and references) that demonstrates your understanding of a current controversial issue in the field of social psychology.*

**Your topic for this paper is to answer the following question: Is Stereotyping Inevitable? Make sure to use scholarly articles NOT just something found on the Internet. Use Google scholar as a helpful source.**

## **STRUCTURE OF PAPER**

- 1. Overview of the Issue** – this section should include what your topic entails, a history of the topic, background information about the topic and other pertinent information about the topic.
- 2. Support for YES Side** – this section should include all of the reasons that the answer to your topic's question is Yes. Make sure to include the research/study that supports each reason. This is NOT based on opinion (yours or someone else's).
- 3. Support for NO side** – this section should include all of the reasons that go against your topic. Again, make sure that the reasons listed are based on facts and research. Write about the "proof" that you found.
- 4. Your conclusions and opinions on the issue** – this section should tell the reader your thoughts on the topic. Make sure to say why you chose the side you did (yes or no) and how you came to that conclusion. This section could include items that you found interesting from your research. Also, this section could include why you care about this particular topic.

## **PAPER FORMAT**

- Paper should be at least 5 full pages (not including the title and reference pages)
- Include a minimum of six (6) references
- Use 12 point font (Times New Roman or Calibri) with 1 inch margins
- Double spaced
- Use in-text citations
- Follow correct APA style guidelines (link to APA formatting:  
<http://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/resource/560/01/>)
- Include a title page
- Include a reference page (APA)