

CI 250 RESEARCH PAPER

research, source evaluation, critical thinking, organization, composition

Choose a subject

Identify/find sources

Gather notes

Outline

Write the first draft

Edit/rewrite

7-10 pages in length following APA style; 7-10 citations

Include:

Introduction: Tell what you are going to say (statement of purpose). State your thesis and purpose.

Body: Say it (main body of the paper). Present your research and arguments to support your thesis statement or question.

Conclusion: Tell what you've said (summary and conclusion). Restate or reword your thesis statement. Summarize. Explain why you have come to this conclusion.

Research Paper

An interpretation of the texts

Investigating and evaluating sources

Use what others have said and offer your perspective

Not just a summary

Not a book report

Not an opinion piece

Not an essay

Examples of research papers:

Argumentative: Include a thesis statement

A stance

Persuasive

Analytical: Begin with a question, not a stance

Exploration and evaluation

Not intended to be persuasive

Interpretive

CHECKLIST

- o concise thesis statement or question
- o logical sequence
- o sources properly cited
- o clear and understandable
- o free of grammatical errors
- o uses third person as much as possible
- o avoids "I think", "I guess", "I suppose"
- o remains objective
- o paragraphs or ideas flow smoothly
- o arguments are supported
- o repetitious words are minimal

o APA Style is used throughout the paper