

Final Project: Research Paper Extended Outline & Reflection
(75 points; 15% of course grade)

As a final assignment, you will produce a social scientific research manuscript extended outline in APA style that is centered around the project proposal and data collection and analysis assignments. This paper should include the following:

- Title Page (and running head throughout)
- Abstract Page w/ keywords
- OUTLINE Literature Review section (including intro and any theory that you incorporated) (if you hate outlining, you're welcome to just write a 3-ish page Literature Review)
 - Map out your argument (thesis/main claim; support/reasoning; evidence/cited literature – especially from your original project proposal/annotated bibliography – that supports points in each subsection and your main claim as a whole)
 - Illustrate your study's importance; clearly state H(s)/RQ(s) at end, before Methods
 - Use sources from your annotated bibliography (you're welcome to cite new ones too) as evidence for your argument
- EXTENSIVE Methods section (approx. 4-6 pages)
 - Recommended subsections of Methods section (pull from your methods assignments' planning notes/ethics sections and formalize; see ERs as examples/models):
 - Data Collection (often includes sampling and demographics)
 - Data Analysis
 - Explain how you (ethically!) answered your H(s)/RQ(s)
 - Include at least one qualitative and one quantitative method for both collection and analysis (do not include collection methods for data you don't analyze or vice-versa)
- EXTENSIVE Results section (approx. 3-6 pages)
 - Describe/illustrate the answer(s) to your H(s)/RQ(s) (pull from your APA results/findings and formalize; see ERs as examples/models)
 - Because you will be collecting and analyzing both qualitatively and quantitatively, you will have at least one quantitative presentation of results and at least one qualitative presentation of results/findings
- OUTLINE Discussion section (if you hate outlining, you're welcome to just write a 3-ish page Discussion)
 - Outline your study's contributions to extant literature and existing understandings of your topic
 - Outline the main takeaways of your project
 - Include outlines of Limitations and Future Directions subsection and a brief Conclusion
- References (list all cited works in an APA-style References section)

Project Reflection:

Briefly (approx. 2 pages) reflect on the group project as a whole, including what you learned throughout the course and completing each method assignment. Focusing on course content, consider:

- what was learned working on the many facets of the project
- how skills developed in this class might be useful in the future (other classes, workplaces, etc.)