

The LING 2750 Research Project (100 points)

An Explanation:

Proposal: This is called an Initial Research Project Idea/ Term Paper Proposal (Same thing)

1. Choose a paper topic and conduct independent research, which culminates in a paper. A “term paper topic” is interpreted broadly to encompass **any food related topic** that you are interested in exploring as long as it has a tie-in to language or linguistics. This topic can be something that you think of yourself, or it can come from a topic related to this class (expanding on a class reading or subject introduced therein, for example) or otherwise encountered as long as it is approved following the proposal process for this class. For a topic to be approved, you must submit a document described in Section 2 below.

2. A typed, single-spaced, 1-page Term Paper Topic Proposal that uses a 12-point font (Times New Roman preferred) which includes the following information (10 points):

Full Name:

Date:

1. A working title for your Research Project Idea/ Term Paper Proposal.
2. A one-paragraph (200 words or so) explanation of why you are interested in the topic and/or why the topic is important to you.
3. A one-paragraph (200 words or so) explanation of what aspect of this topic you intend to focus on. Give some examples.
4. Describe if you will be working yourself and if not other team members’ names. If working with team members, describe the division of labor. You can work together, but each “partner” should have equal responsibility for the final product. This means each partner is responsible for a 10-15 page segment of the joint research project.
5. Five references you will use to investigate the topic (which includes the full bibliographic information for books in APA style; two can be Internet sources (full addresses please). Feel free to use readings for the course in Blackboard.

* This same format description is contained in the Research Project/ Term Paper Proposal Format document.

Paper:

Once approved, you may begin the research and write the paper (worth 90 points). **The paper, due on the last day of class,** must reflect the following:

A. The topic approved for that student.

B. A standard paper-writing format (like APA – but it doesn't have to be any specific style as long as it is an officially accepted writing style) that includes a title page, bibliography, and possibly appendices (if you want to show art work or photos related to your topic) at the end. **Please format your paper using 12-point font (Times New Roman preferred) and it must be double-spaced.**

C. Be no shorter than 10 full pages of text, but no longer than 15 pages, not including bibliography and/or appendices.

D: Students are free to organize their paper as they wish, but it is advisable to contain an Introduction, followed by the content of the paper, and a Conclusion.

E. Each student's paper must not only discuss the approved topic, but must make associations to course material to describe, interpret, and/or analyze the topic.

* **APA Guidelines can usually be found on the Alden Library site and other places on the Internet.**