

EES 105A Global Environment

Fall 2018

Term Project Assignment Guidelines

Students are to research an environmental issue and prepare a **5 page** formal paper and a MS **PowerPoint** presentation (15 minutes) which will be given during the lab period. Potential research topics are posted on D2L as well included in this handout. Students are to work in groups of two. The assignment will be graded on a 120 point scale.

A. The paper(outline) and presentation should address the following:

- Identify the environmental issue
- Identify the health, economic, social and political impacts of the environmental issue
- Suggest a strategy for mitigating the environmental issue

B. Project Group and Topic

- **Due Date** – Week of **September 10 -11** in Lab
- Prepare a **typed** list of **project partners and chosen topic**
- **Group Size** is **2 people**
- **Include your lab section** (day and time) on submission.
- Project topic may be selected from the list of choices provided. However, a group may choose a topic not listed on the attachment. In this case, the group must obtain approval from the lab instructor prior to the submission date.
- **Point Value** = 5 (late submission will **receive a 0**)

C. Paper Outline

- **Due Date:** October 9-11 at the beginning of lab (hardcopy – not email)
- Must be typed
- Alpha numeric format
- Include **preliminary bibliography** (3 references: 2 from peer reviewed journals and 1 internet (Wikipedia is an unacceptable reference))
- **Include your lab section** (day and time) on submission.
- **Point Value** = 10 (late submission will **receive a 0**)

D. Paper Guidelines

- **Due Date:** December 3 – 4 at beginning of lab
- Length 5 pages minimum – double side when printing (2.5 pieces of paper minimum)
- 1.5 line spacing (not double spaced)
- Times New Roman, 12 point font
- **Format** of the **final report** should include: title page, running head, abstract, table of contents, main body with section headings [narrative, graphs, tables, etc.] and bibliography (APA style).
- **Must include Internal Citations** (APA style). **Lack of internal citation will result in a failing grade.**
- Final **bibliography** must have a minimum of **5 references**. No more than 2 can be internet web pages. The remaining 3 or more references must be technical peer-reviewed papers from journals or conference proceedings. Professional text references are also allowed. No encyclopedia (includes Wikipedia), popular science magazine articles, or textbook bibliographic items are allowed. Peer reviewed journals available on-line in full text are not considered internet references.
- **Point Value** = 55 (late submission will **receive a 0**)

E. **Power Point Presentation Guidelines**

- **Due Date:** An **electronic copy** of your MS PowerPoint summary presentation is due the day of your presentation and must be emailed to your lab instructor by the start of lab class.
- Must use Microsoft Power Point program
- Length = **15 minutes** (short or long presentations will result in a substantial loss of points)
- Include images, charts and graphs.
- Evaluations will be based on the clarity and quality of the presentation and how well the theme was addressed.
- **Point Value** = 55 (late submission will receive a 0)
- **Students must attend both lab sessions when presentations are given.** If a student does not attend both lab classes **then 50 points will be deducted** from the final assignment grade unless the absence is excused.

F. The grading rubric for the project is posted on D2L.

G. The instructor reserves the right to utilize technology to compare student submission to existing known sources.