

PAPER REQUIREMENTS

There are four requirements for completing a paper:

1. RESEARCH PROPOSAL.
 - A. Use the form provided in the “Research Proposal” handout to identify your research topic.
2. THESIS STATEMENT and OUTLINE.
 - A. A “thesis” is defined and illustrated in the handout, “Suggestions and Criteria for Papers.” By this point, you should have turned your general topic into a specific proposition that you ultimately want your readers to adopt. Your statement of that proposition is your thesis.
 - B. A tentative outline of your paper that indicates the major, logical steps that you think will be needed to prove your thesis.
3. POLISHED DRAFT. This should include:
 - A. Written text, in as complete a form as you are capable of and in the order that seems most logical to you.

Note: I do not use the term “first draft” for a reason. While your draft will be the first one that I read, it should not be the first draft that you produce. The polished draft that you give me should be the best paper that you can produce. It should be a paper that could be graded. The more complete your text is, the better the feedback I will be able to give you.
 - B. A Table of Contents that indicates all section and subsection headings with the beginning page number of each. (You should use the Table of Contents to make sure that your paper is organized logically and to check the ratio of “report” to “analysis,” as defined in the handout, “Suggestions and Criteria for Papers.”)
 - C. Footnotes in “Blue Book” form. (You may leave *supra* and *infra* cites blank because the cross-references will change prior to your final draft.)
4. FINAL PAPER. This should include:
 - A. The text of the paper. Your final paper should be responsive to the comments made on your polished draft.
 - B. A Table of Contents that indicates all section and subsection headings with the beginning page number of each.
 - C. Footnotes in “Blue Book” form.