

ACADEMIC RESEARCH PAPER

Appropriate content: Your research paper should connect the content of your experiential learning with the content of your major.

Appropriate format:

_____ 10-12 pages of text, not counting images or the annotated bibliography.

_____ Utilizes a minimum of 10 scholarly sources, including peer-reviewed publications, government reports, etc

_____ Use of maps and/or images is encouraged, especially when used to help readers understand your subject matter. Remember to cite them (usually right next to the map/image, rather than in the bibliography).

_____ Unless there is a strong reason to do otherwise, we recommend the Council of Scientific Editors (CSE) citation style.

_____ An annotated bibliography

_____ 1" margins (NOTE: Microsoft defaults to 1.25" margins, so you will need to adjust them).

_____ 10-12-point, double-spaced type.

_____ Finally: Please feel free to contact your instructor of record if you have questions! Learning how to clarify expectations and discussing potential problems in advance is an important part of your professional development.

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