

Human Diversity Research Paper

As outlined in your syllabus, one of your major projects for this class will be the preparation of a research paper on some aspect of human diversity. You must design a research paper that addresses a topic from a **biocultural** perspective. Everything related to the paper turned in for grading must be typed. The following deadlines will be strictly adhered to for completing this work:

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| October 18 | Pick a topic to discuss and, if you would like, a partner. Write a brief statement about your topic explaining the biocultural nature of your paper. A few paragraphs, typed. |
| November 1 | Turn in a 5 page research proposal with a clear thesis statement.

Provide a detailed outline of your paper, in paragraph form. What question are you asking? How is it biocultural? What is the biological component? What is the cultural component? How has this topic been discussed in the literature? |
| December 6 | Rough draft of paper due

This should be your final paper or very close to it. If you turn it in by this date, I will give it a careful reading. This will be your major working copy, the only one that I will look at before the final draft. This deadline is written in stone, I will not accept late drafts. |
| December 15 | Final paper due in class |

Your final paper must be typed, with one inch margins and A4 formatting. The paper should be approximately 10 pages in length (15 if you are working in a team). It must include a proper **Literature Cited** section, using AJPA format. You must include at least 10 viable references – *not* un-refereed Web pages. You may use journals published on line, but be sure to include the proper hard copy reference in addition to the web address. Again, be sure to use legitimate citations.

Listed below are several "hints" on how to make your paper successful:

- write in a scientific style - don't "chat" with me in your paper, make it in the form of your journal articles.
- use the *American Journal of Physical Anthropology* (AJPA) format for your references. Use the citation handout provided in class.
- do not use "et. al." in your bibliographic reference, write out each author's name.
- capitalize genus, lowercase species and either underline or italicize each if you use any Linnaean classifications.
- write a good paper ☺