

Long Paper Requirements, Animal Studies, Fall 2010

Relevant due dates

- Tuesday, **November 2**: outline due (5% of your course grade: credit/no credit)
- Tuesday, **November 23**: rough draft due (5% of your course grade: requires four pages and five sources to receive credit)
- (No later than) Friday, **December 17** [preferably by Monday – to be negotiated]
Final paper due via electronic submission unless submitted early (30% of your course grade)

Length and formatting requirements

- Times New Roman, 12 pt font, double spaced, no spaces between paragraphs, 1-inch margins, justified, no cover page, preferably double-sided (if submitted in paper form)
- 12-15 pages (use page numbers after the first page)
- Use parenthetical citations for quotes [for example: (Bekoff 152)] and a bibliography for full citations. Use whichever standard citation format works for you, but be sure to use the same format throughout. We will discuss formatting and citation specifics soon after the short paper is due.

Research Paper Topic and Requirements

- I'll ask in a few weeks for you to come to class prepared to discuss your potential topic, which should address one or more of the issues we hit on in class, but should do so in greater detail—think about the range of topics we're looking at in this course, and about which topics you would like to examine in greater depth. The outline (due Nov 2) is technically the first graded requirement, but I will ask you to be able to explain your topic of choice by no later than Tuesday Oct. 26—this is primarily so I can nudge you onto the right track if your proposed topic is inappropriate or only partially formed, and so that you won't have to write two outlines if the first topic doesn't work.
- You are welcome to select a variety of formats for your research paper, but it should include the following components: a topical introduction and research justification, a literature review, an analysis/discussion section, and a conclusion. We'll talk in greater detail about this once you have a topic in mind. [Less traditional formats—including fictional works, grant proposals, and the like—would also be welcome.]
- Unless we agree on a different format, your paper needs to have at least 15 unique sources. Web sources are fine, (but do **not** use Wikipedia as a source) but be sure to cite your internet sources accurately and comprehensively. If the 'pedigree' of your web source is in question—for instance, a blog post from an unknown author—be sure to address that issue, either in context or in a footnote.
- Don't forget to read through the course syllabus, or to browse topical material online, to see if your topic of choice might be something we haven't yet studied in class