

Research Paper Guidelines, The Politics of Food, Spring 2012

Due Date (via email)

- (No later than) Tuesday, **May 15** (subject to revision – depending on when I have to have grades in by!). Do *not* put this in my box, but instead email it to me. The earlier you can get it in, the better.

Length and formatting requirements

- Times New Roman, 12 pt font, double spaced, no spaces between paragraphs, 1-inch margins, justified (and take all the previous formatting advice I've given on your papers into account!)
- 10–12 pages (use page numbers), excluding bibliography – must be at least ten *full* pages in the format described above.
- Use parenthetical citations for quotes [for example: (Nestle 152)] and a bibliography for full citations. Use whichever standard citation format works for you, but be sure to use the same format throughout.
- Unless we agree on a different format, your paper needs to have at least 15 unique sources. For up to 10 of the 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. I'll go over how to use the uml database (especially Jstor, Google Scholar, and Lexis Nexus) in class today. Unless you have a special exemption, at least 5 of your sources must be academic sources from peer-reviewed journals.

Research Paper Topic and Requirements

- The outline is not binding in content—but do let me know if you pick a different topic, so I can make sure it's a good fit. Also – if you haven't gotten me an outline, you should still do so, and I'll give you partial credit.
- 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.