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Research Project/Report

With a partner, you will write a 10 – 15 page report based on your original nonverbal communication research. You can study any aspect of nonverbal communication that interests you, pending my approval of your topic. You should follow IRB ethical research standards which can be found at <http://www.trinity.edu/departments/research/IRB.html>. If you have 2 group members your minimum paper length will be 10 pgs and you will need a minimum of 7 scholarly sources. If you have 3 group members your minimum paper length will be 12 pgs and you will need at least 9 scholarly sources.

Step 1: You will locate the relevant literature that surrounds your topic and write a comprehensive yet brief review of the existing literature (minimum of 7 or 9 scholarly articles or books). This will follow a brief introduction to and rationale for your topic.

Step 2: From this review of literature, you will pose a hypothesis or research question (you can have multiple if desired) that interests you and is of some social importance.

Step 3: You will develop a systematic mode for collecting data that answers your question or confirms/disconfirms your hypothesis. Make sure the method is feasible. I will need to approve it before you begin.

Step 4: You will propose a system for analyzing your data.

Step 5: You will collect your data.

Step 6: You will analyze your data and write about your research findings.

You will turn in the first draft of your introduction and rationale, lit review, and hypotheses/research questions in week 9. This is worth 15% of your grade and is due in class on **October 25th**. This is a draft in the sense that you will revise it and include it your final paper, but it will be graded as would any other paper you hand in and therefore should be your best work. Your final paper will include your introduction and rationale, lit review, research question or hypothesis, method of data collection and analysis, research findings, and conclusions, due on **December 5th**. More details will be discussed throughout the semester. Information will be available on the course website throughout the semester.

You will be evaluated on the following:

- Project Proposal
- First Draft of Literature Review (includes an intro/rationale and hypotheses/research questions)
- Revision of the literature review
- Methods Section
- Results Section
- Discussion Section
- Grammar/Style/Quality of Writing
- APA Format
- Class presentation
- Ability to work with a partner