

ENGL 408 Scholarly Essay

Research Paper Assignment

Paper Requirements

Length: 3000-5000 words (12-20 pages double spaced)

Source Use: APA or MLA is acceptable:

Minimum of 10 unique sources (more will likely be required to provide adequate evidence)

Content: Your paper must actively work towards solving a problem, or answering a question

Rationale

This paper will be the final and most significant research project you will complete as an English major at Mayville State. It will build on the things you have learned over your educational journey here and will require you to demonstrate a mastery of academic writing, critical thinking, and the synthesis of information from multiple sources. More importantly, it will require you to not only conduct research to learn more about a topic, but to apply research to a real problem facing society.

Structure

The paper will follow traditional formats for research projects. While I will not require you to follow any one particular organization, papers should include a detailed introduction, a body that makes claims and supports those claims with evidence, and a conclusion that synthesizes the information and provides an explanation of the significance of the research.