### English 110 Final Exam Argumentative Research Paper

The Argumentative Research Paper is the major assignment required for ENG 110: Advanced Composition. It represents 30% of the student’s course grade (30% of 4th quarter grade and 20% = Final Exam). It is designed to provide students the opportunity to develop their own written voice while incorporating a range of sources. The paper is also a chance for students to develop their facility with tone and audience. The paper should be directed clearly to general readers but should focus on an argumentative topic in the fields of business, health, or technology; ideally, this topic is aligned with each student’s professional lives and/or aspirations.

**Requirements:**

* At least 6-8 pages of written text, not counting appropriate front and end matter
* Typed, double-spaced with 12-point TNR, one inch margins
* APA Formatting
* At least 5-7 sources (one book, 4-6 others), documented according to the APA style: **This means you must have an in text citation for every reference page entry.**
* GUM accuracy: free from grammar, usage, and mechanical errors

**Sections:**

Abstract 10

Introduction including thesis 10

Development of argument (logical, supported) 40

Opposing views 20

Rebuttals 20

Organization (clear structure and focus, transitions) 20

Conclusion 10

Language (grammar, usage, mechanics) 10

APA format 10

Title Page 10

Reference Page 10

Sources 10

Pre-writing and Draft Work 10

Deadlines 10

**TOTAL: 200**

**4th Quarter Research documents**

Topic Approval 5

Note Sheets 25

Planner 30

First Draft 30

Deadlines 10

**TOTAL: 100**

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**Final Exam: Argumentative Research Paper Essay**

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| **Category** |  |  |  |  |  | **Points** |
| **Abstract**  Gives a clear summary of research work. 150-250 words. | 9-10 | 8-8.9 | 7-7.9 | 6-6.9 | 0-5.9 |  |
| **Introduction / Thesis**  Hooks the reader and ends with thesis statement. Thesis clear. |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Development of Argument**  Argument is logical and clearly described. |  |  |  |  |  | x 4 |
| **Opposing Viewpoints**  Opposing viewpoints are clearly stated. |  |  |  |  |  | x 2 |
| **Rebuttals**  Opposing viewpoints refuted. |  |  |  |  |  | x 2 |
| **Organization**  Transitions clear, logical order used. |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Conclusion**  Main points restated in new words. |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Language: GUM**  Grammar, usage, mechanics are accurate. Spell/grammar check used. |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **APA Format**  Font, margins, running header, spacing accurate |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Title Page**  APA requirements met. |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Reference Page**  Entries accurately written in APA format. All entries match an in-text citation. |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Sources and In-text citations**  5-7 appropriate sources used and cited accurately in-text. |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Pre-Writing/Drafts**  All work turned in with final draft. |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Deadlines**  Work turned in and emailed on time. |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Total** |  |  |  |  |  | **/200** |

APA Information

**Deadlines:**

Topic chosen by Thursday, April 15

Five Notesheets due by April 26

Planner Due April 30

First Draft **Emailed** by May 14: lastname, hour, Research Draft

Final Paper **Printed** and **Emailed** by May 20: lastname, hour, Research Final

Early turn in of rough draft will receive extra points. Early turn in of final paper will receive extra points.