SECOND SEMESTER
RESEARCH

GENERAL PROJECT INFORMATION
We will spend third quarter researching and writing a specific topic of your choice—YAY! You will
develop your own topic, research questions, and proposal. I will provide suggestions for modifying your
research focus if necessary. Fourth quarter you will transform your research into digital media and present
your work.

There are many steps to this research project and each individual step will end in a graded assignment.
Each step will include instructions, class discussion, and guided practice. We will spend time in class working
on the steps and related assignments, but you will also be required to spend time outside of class
working on each step of the process. We will use APA formatting for writing research.

Some assignments have multiple checkpoints for grading and points will only be earned if they are
submitted on the day of the checkpoint.

The final research paper will serve as your final exam for the semester. If you do not do this
assignment, you will not be able to graduate. Final exam test day will consist of a normal-weighted
cumulative test.

TOPIC CRITERIA
• Consider a topic related to the field of study or career path you wish to pursue.
• To find your topic, contemplate on what makes you feel passionate.
• Topics that only provide moral or subjective arguments are not acceptable.
• You will argue from an objective standpoint.
• All three rhetorical appeals will be incorporated in your argument.
• Topics must be approved and I reserve the right to reject topics.
• Topics to Avoid: abortion, capital punishment, gun regulation, marijuana legalization, immigration,
same-sex marriage, and vaccinations.

DUE DATES FOR RESEARCH PROJECT
Dates are subject to change. An updated list will remain in the classroom and on the class website.

M 1.13 First Research Question
T 1.21 Topic Discourse (Multiple Checkpoints) on TII
B 2.5 Annotated Bibliography (Multiple Checkpoints) on TII AND PRINTED
T 2.11 Outline
F 2.14 Handwritten Rough Draft
F 2.21 Final Rough Draft to Workshop Groups and TII
Week 8 Workshop Groups
F 3.4 Final Paper Due on TII (Missing papers will be entered BEFORE Spring Break)