

The Research Plan

Make sure you fill out completely *all* the information in the sections below. Failure to complete these sections fully and honestly may incur a loss of points. Responding to some questions with “no” or “n/a” or “I don’t know yet” *is* acceptable; however, leaving any responses blank is not. If you do not understand any questions, you are encouraged to contact your instructor.

Section 1

Name:

Your Major:

Section 2

On a scale of 1 to 10, how confident do you feel about writing for this course?

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Section 3

Based on your experience from your previous writing course (i.e. WRI 101 and WRI 102) and from the lessons you have received so far in ENG 204, what **three** things have you given extra care and attention towards for this assignment?

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Section 4

Working Topic: (e.g., smoking)

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Working Research Question: (e.g., Is smoking beneficial?)

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Working Secondary Questions

You may not have any secondary questions yet – but have a go at writing what some may be. At least, you'll get some feedback from the instructor.

(Examples: What are the benefits of smoking?)

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Working Thesis: (e.g., Smoking is beneficial.)

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Working Counter Theses: (e.g., 1/ Smoking is not beneficial. 2/ Smoking may have some benefits, but it has more drawbacks. 3/ Smoking may be beneficial but only when combined with other practices. 4/ Smoking may be beneficial for some people but not for others. Etc.)

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Working Supporting Arguments: (e.g., [Smoking is beneficial because ...] 1/ smoking makes you look cool. 2/ smoking helps you lose weight.)

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Working Counter Arguments: (e.g., [Smoking is *not* beneficial because ...] because 1/ smoking causes serious diseases. 2/ cigarette smoke is very smelly. 3/ smoking not only harms the smoker, it harms other people in the environment of the smoker.)

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Write Your Paper Below

Begin your paper at the start of the next page. Note that APA Level 1 headers have been provided. Write appropriate paragraphs within these prescribed areas. Remember to leave the rubric at the end of the paper.

Working Topic

Brief Introduction

Research Questions and Methods

References

Planning

Checklist

Before submitting, write “YES” for each of the items below. If this section has not been completed in full then your paper will need to be resubmitted as LATE (incurring the usual 10% late penalties).

1/ I have read the rubric, and included all the information required in the pages above.

2/ I have pressed spellcheck/grammar check and corrected any text as appropriate.

3/ I have carefully read *out loud* my entire paper and corrected issues where appropriate.

4/ I have named the file for submission as follows: Research Plan [my name]

For example: Research Plan Philip Michael McCarthy

5/ The file I am submitting is a Microsoft Word document.

The Research Plan will be evaluated based on the rubric below as well as all materials, instructions, and feedback provided by the instructor. Note that evaluations assume good punctuation, word choice, grammar, and presentation. Evaluations also assume an appropriate quality of writing, length of response, and that language issues discussed in class have been followed appropriately. Points will be deducted if these assumptions are not met. Points will also be deducted if the template has not been completely and appropriately filled out, or if any item from the template is missing. A further points' deduction will occur if an incorrectly named file is submitted.