

Brief Introduction

Write about a page on your topic. Why are you interested in it? What do you know about it already? What is your thesis? Why did you choose it? What reading have you done about this topic? What are your worries or concerns about this research project? Is there any help that you need at the moment?

My topic is the relevance of the Bauhaus ideals today. Founded in 1919 after World War 1, the Bauhaus was a German interdisciplinary art school, that reimagined the design world's system and thinking. The school prioritised the teachings students how to design and create useful and functional yet aesthetically beautiful products appropriate to living conditions. Its ideals focus on the needs of the people weaved together with good design for everyday objects. They are also rooted in multiple design disciplines, from architecture and furniture design to typology and fashion. My research paper will explore the thesis of why over a century later, the Bauhaus ideals are still relevant today.

From 1919 to 1933, the Bauhaus developed to serve as a post-war design movement which in turn, shaped the modern world. Although today's society is not suffering from rebuilding itself after a world war, we are dealing with issues such as rapid urbanisation, pollution, climate change and more which requires design movements that can tackle them. This topic interests me as designer and I chose it since I fall in accordance with the Bauhaus ideals and the general concept of form follows function. I feel that today's society needs designers, such as that of IKEA, Braun, Yanone, Carlos Escobar and more, who work for mass production and design for the many—useful, functional, and cheap(er). I aspire to become an architect who designs and builds to solve urban planning and housing issues, like the Bauhaus.

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I learnt about the Bauhaus in ARC222 (Modern Arc and Urban Form) class and have watched useful documentaries on the topic, though I have not yet read about it properly until filling out this research plan. My concerns lie primarily on the amount of information and sources I will be able to find that have been written over the last decade or two, as the Bauhaus is a historical topic. I may find difficulty in drawing knowledge from the readings and forming my own conclusions pertaining to my thesis.

References

Using APA formatting, list at least two high quality journal articles references that you are considering using.

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Planning

Using the formatting of previous students (see writingtheresearchpaper.com), make a very detailed plan for the semester.

I am currently taking four courses: Design Studio IV (ARC302) (6 credits), Structures for Architects (ARC342), Introduction to Psychology (PSY101) and Advanced Academic Writing (ENG204). It will be a difficult semester balancing these courses together with attending practices, as I am part of the **basketball team**, so I the following plan for the semester will help me stay on top of what I need to do to ensure I can meet all the expectations.

Week 4:

- ENG204: Quiz on chapter 7, so making sure I get the reading done over the weekend. Focusing on finding reliable sources and briefly reading them to better understand my thesis. As **I am unsure if I should alter it or not**, this would be a good week to make a confident decision on what I will be writing about to my audience.
- ARC342: Quiz. The class does not have any midterms, so the quizzes are important to do well in.

Week 5:

- ENG204: Staying attentive in class and learning everything I can on **APA formatting as it is a weakness of mine**.

- PSY101: Midterm 1. Although it is a UT course, it is a common midterm taking place on a Wednesday at 7 pm.

Week 6:

- ENG204: Research Proposal Due. Making sure I work on this throughout Week 5 and on the weekend to avoid clashes with other midterms.
- ARC342: Quiz.

Week 7:

- ENG204: As I do not have any major submissions / midterms on this week scheduled (yet), I can prioritise getting a head start on the working draft.

Week 8:

- ENG204: Visit the writing centre. As the working draft is due the following week, it would be great to receive feedback from the centre with enough time to make the necessary edits before the submission.
- ARC302: Mid-review. It is going to be a rough week, unfortunately I will be prioritising this course.

Week 9:

- ENG204: Working draft and Progress reports due.
- ARC342: Quiz.

Week 10:

- ENG204: Working draft and Progress reports due. Will focus taking the feedback and making the necessary edits before submitting again.
- PSY101: Midterm 2. Thankfully, not cumulative.

Week 11:

Spring break. Sleep. |

Week 12:

- ENG204: Visiting the writing centre for the second time with the progress of the essay since the last time.

Week 13:

- ENG204: If I did not visit the writing centre in the last week, then do it on this week.
- ARC342: Case Study Submission. A semester long group project is due, so will be prioritising getting the work done efficiently as it weighs a lot.

Week 14:

- ENG204: Making sure I am adding finishing touches to the essay since the next week is going to be extremely tough.
- ARC342: Depending on the groups schedule, I will have the case study presentations.
- Last week before hell week.

Week 15:

- ENG204: Final essay due.
- ARC302: Final Review. No words can describe what I will be going through this week.
- ARC342: Depending on the groups schedule, I will have the case study presentations. |