Research Paper Guidelines

Choose a topic pertinent to this course, compare it cross-culturally (two different countries), and apply the Saint Leo University values of respect and community. An example of a topic might be: Comparing an African country and the US on their views of science. How do each value science differently? The value of respect can be incorporated in your paper by demonstrating how you can respect a country’s view on a certain issue especially when it is different from your own view. The value of community can be incorporated in how the particular issue makes sense to the country maintaining community even though it might be different from the way community is arranged in your country.

Other examples of cross-cultural comparisons include beliefs on the origin of humankind; views on the environment; views on race relations; beliefs about gender roles, marital systems, etc. Another example is to compare two cultures’ views on marital systems. In other words, compare a country that believes in monogamy vs. one that believes in polygamy. In this case, you can incorporate the value of respect in terms of how such arrangements may make sense for the culture. You can comment on how such arrangements provide places for those who would otherwise have no other way to survive, and how they support community, and/or perhaps how the same arrangement might detract from community in our culture or another culture.

Begin early and save enough time for adjustments if the topic/culture you have chosen does not produce the information you had hoped.

The term paper should include a minimum of 7 pages of text (double-spaced.12 point font), and a REFERENCE page. Your paper needs to conform to APA style regarding text citations and the reference page. There are multiple internet sites that will help you with APA style, easily found by typing in “APA style”. Direct quotes are not to exceed 15% of the paper. The percentage can be checked by Turnitin.

You must include 8 references of which four are books and four are journal articles. These references must be scientific journal articles and books. Articles from recognized scientific journals that may be accessed on the internet are acceptable. No more than half of your references can be from the Internet. Do not use magazines such as People, Psychology Today or books such as Men are from Mars and Women are from Venus.

You must submit your research paper to Turnitin via the Course Information Menu by the due date in order to receive credit.

You will be graded on clarity, content, grammar, sentence structure, compliance to APA format, proofreading, overall quality of the work and the degree to which you met the requirements of the research paper.

For help in writing paper, use of the APA style or test-taking strategies consult:

- www.apastyle.org/elecref.html
- http://owl.english.purdue.edu
- http://www.tui.edu/research/ViewInCat.asp?ID=77
- www.apsu.edu/~lester/CYBER3.HTM
- http://www.howtostudy.org/resources.php
- http://www.byu.edu/stlife/cdc/learning/strategy.php
- http://www.byu.edu/stlife/cdc/learning/writingp.php
- http://www.researchhaven.com/Assistance.htm