

Final Paper

This semester you will complete several major assignments that will allow you to create a final paper. For this paper, you will create or further develop a question, use ethnographic data from observations and interviews, and compile other research on related workplaces. There are several components to this paper and you will be graded on all of them

Assignment	Point
Annotated Bibliography with research outline	50
Literature review and research question	100
Ethnographic Research Plan	30
Foundational Data and First Draft	150
Interview and coding/analysis	100
Draft of Final Paper	150

Annotated bibliography (50): You will compile an annotated bibliography from the references you collected for your final paper in EoW 1. You will also include a brief description of your proposed plans for the semester paper. This will be the foundation for your literature review. You will submit your annotated bibliography as an assignment and post it in the Wiki to be available for your group to use. Please submit it before posting.

Literature Review (100). The next step in your paper writing process is to add to the annotated bibliography and turn it into a literature review. This includes reading at least two additional articles, organizing the literature around themes and developing or revising a research question based on that and your previous work.

Ethnographic Research Plan (30) You will develop a detailed plan for research. This will include a description of the workplace or career and some background information on it. You will post the description of your workplace in your group wiki for your group members to use in deciding whether your data might be helpful to them.

Foundational Data and First Draft (150). You will submit the previous draft of your paper with your own or your professors' notes on what needs to be done to change it for this class. You will also submit your preparation checklist and will submit and post any observation notes from last semester. This assignment will be peer reviewed.

Ethnographic Descriptions: ?

Interview Assignment (100). You will develop interview questions and ask those questions to someone in the workplace you are interested in. Your research questions will include five of your own questions and one question from each other member of your group.

Class Presentation (20). You will present your project twice, once will be a share of your current progress, the other will be on your full workplace paper. This will happen at the midterm and at the end of the semester.

Completed Final Ethnographic Paper (150). For your final assignment, you will take all your ethnographic data (observations, interviews, research) and write a 5-10 page paper where you will think deeply about what your ethnographic research demonstrates about work, your theme, question and the concepts we covered throughout the semester. Your second draft will not be graded but will include comments. Your last draft will be re-graded as your final draft if you do not resubmit.

Final Paper Checklist

This checklist will help you to check your completion of the assignment

- ____ I have identified a career or workplace to research
- ____ I have a research question
- ____ I have included responses to relevant interview questions
- ____ I have proofread my paper carefully
- ____ I have cleared all the comments and edits on my previous assignment
- ____ My paper is in Word format
- ____ My paper has an introduction that generally describes my career, workplace or person.
- ____ My paper has a conclusion that connects this career to work in general and my plans in particular.
- ____ My name is at the top of the paper
- ____ My paper is uploaded in a file labeled “FinalPaper” and my first and/or last name
- ____ I have included at least two scholarly articles that examines my workplace or career
- ____ I have included reference and citation information for anything in the paper that is not my work or common knowledge
- ____ I have included observations of someone in my career or workplace of interest
- ____ I have including information on trends in my career or workplace
- ____ I reflecting on my own work interests
- ____ I have addressed all parts of the assignment

Outline of Paper

1. Introduction

- a. What is the topic of your paper?

2. Thematic Review of the Literature

- a. Theme #1 from the literature
 - i. Who talked about it?
 - ii. What did they say?
- b. Theme #2 from the literature
 - i. Who talked about it?
 - ii. What did they say?
- c. Theme #3 from the literature
 - i. Who talked about it?
 - ii. What did they say?
- d. What do you think is different about what you're doing?

3. Final Research Questions

- a. What research question needs to be answered?

4. Research Methods

- a. Site (for each site if multiple info is used)
 - i. Ethnographic description of site
- b. Respondent (for each site if multiple interviews are used): What led you to this job?
 - i. Ethnographic description of person
- c. Data Collection and Analysis (for each site if multiple information is used)

5. Work context

- a. Context/Sociological imagination
 - i. What data do you have about the larger context of work? (ex. What are the demographics of this industry? How common are the problems you have found? How does your workplace fit within the context of work?)

6. Findings

- a. General description of the respondents and their workplace
- b. Results
 - i. If multiple sites:

1. Description of theoretical notes/summary evidence from interviews and observations that are different across sites (and answer your question(s))
 2. Description of theoretical notes/summary evidence from interviews and observations that are similar across sites (and answer your question(s))
- ii. If one site:
1. Description of theoretical notes/summary evidence from interviews and observations that are interesting (they do not have to directly answer your question(s))
 2. Description of theoretical notes/summary evidence from interviews and observations that answer your question(s)

7. Analysis and Conclusion

- a. What are your conclusions about these workplaces?
 - b. How do your theoretical notes connect with your topic and question?
 - c. How do your theoretical notes connect with work, in general?
 - d. Why is this important?
8. Reflections on research and work
- a. Any problems, issues, unanswered questions
 - b. Your reflection about your topic and question and how it has impacted your career ideas. Is this something you would want to do for a career? Why/why not? Has your idea of what you want to do changed?

9. References

- a. Should include at least 5
- b. Three should be scholarly
- c. Full citation information

Criteria	No Credit	Needs Improvement	Meets Expectations	Exceeds Expectations
	<i>0 pts</i>	<i>1 pts</i>	<i>3 pts</i>	<i>5 pts</i>
Organization	Information cannot be understood	Information is presented in an unclear or disorganized manner	Information is presented clearly	Information is presented clearly with limited spelling and grammar mistakes
	<i>0 pts</i>	<i>1 pts</i>	<i>3 pts</i>	<i>5 pts</i>
Primary Data	Did not include any data	Included one type of qualitative data	Included multiple types of qualitative data	Included a synthesis of qualitative data to answer research question
	<i>0 pts</i>	<i>1 pts</i>	<i>3 pts</i>	<i>5 pts</i>
Secondary data	Did not include any secondary data	Included few or unrelated secondary data	Incorporated secondary data	Provided an evaluation of the secondary data incorporated into the paper
	<i>0 pts</i>	<i>1 pts</i>	<i>3 pts</i>	<i>5 pts</i>
Research question	Did not include a research question	Included an unclear or unfocused research question	Research question is clear and on topic	Research question is applicable generally to the world of work
	<i>0 pts</i>	<i>1 pts</i>	<i>3 pts</i>	<i>5 pts</i>
Reflection	Did not include a reflection	Identified own work and/or educational preferences	Developing theories or identifies patterns in ones own life experiences	Connects examples of ones own work experience and/or knowledge to the larger work world