

Culmination Paper for COM 102 Online

Purpose: This semester you will be asked to conduct and synthesize academic research, apply it in a practical way to improve your communication and an interpersonal relationship in your life, and write about the process and impact this experience will have on you. The culmination paper is your demonstration of what you will learn in this course.

Task: The culmination paper involves the entire semester and several steps. First, you will be choosing an established relationship in your life to evaluate and improve on this semester (friendship, family relationship or romantic partner) and documenting your communication interactions with this person. As we progress through the class, you will choose a communication skill that you'd like to work on in this relationship (listening skills, emotion management, conflict management, verbal skills, or nonverbal skills). You will also identify one part of being a competent communicator (self-awareness or empathy) that is vital to improving this skill. **You will research the two topics you chose, come up with a plan to make improvements in your communication and your relationship, and apply these concepts to your life, enacting your plan and documenting the progress.**

Your final paper will be 4-6 pages typed, double-spaced, with at least 4 sources (of which 2 are scholarly and 1 is a TED talk or podcast) formatted in APA with an annotated bibliography. **Throughout the entire paper, bold your chosen communication skill and area of competence.**

Criteria: See the culmination paper rubric for how you will be graded.