

Tasks Plan for Summer Culmination Paper

Culmination Paper Tasks Plan

COM 102 Online Summer

Purpose

Throughout this course you will be working on your culmination paper. The culmination paper is a major element of your final grade in the course and the following list of smaller tasks are designed to ease the burden and help you progress in a timely fashion.

Task

You will be creating one document, building it as you progress through the class, adding different sections as you go. See culmination paper description for specific document formatting. Complete all tasks below in order as you progress through each module. Keep in mind this is a fast paced summer course, requiring 2-4 modules a week. You will be working hard every day to complete this paper on time. If you stay on task and do what is required, the paper will emerge organically over the summer session. If you need any help along the way, you must reach out to your instructor or classmates for help. This paper involves research, writing, and real life implementation.

The paper will consist of these sections in order:

1. Introduction,
2. Relationship Summary
3. Literature Review (With Plan)
4. Personal Journey (With Impact)
5. Conclusion
6. Annotated Bibliography

Criteria

Some of the small tasks will earn you participation points; these have specific due dates. In the end you will have a completed culmination paper. See your culmination paper rubric for specific grading criteria, and note the due date for submitting your final draft.

Module 2 tasks:

- Read all Culmination Paper documents.

- Choose an established and stable personal relationship for your culmination paper. This should be someone you have been close to for an extended period of time (friendship, family member, or romantic relationship), someone with whom you will remain in contact with this semester, and have a desire to strengthen and/or improve your relationship.
- Start your communication log for your culmination paper to track your interactions with the person you chose. Use the template on Canvas; fill it out completely in full sentences, documenting baseline interactions with this person (regular normal interactions), identifying any relationship challenges, connecting your reflections to possible communication skill you might want to work on.
- **Complete culmination paper scavenger hunt for participation points.**

Module 3 tasks:

- Continue working on your com log. Aim to have two baseline interactions documented by the end of this module so you have somewhere to start.

Module 4 tasks:

- Review your com log entries and self-reflect on your chosen relationship. Brainstorm some specific communication challenges you face in your chosen relationship.
- Look over the list of potential topics for your paper. Find topics that interest you that you know you need to improve in your relationship. Choose a communication skill and competence concept to research and work on this semester.
- **Submit your topics and relationship for approval on discussion board for participation points.**

Module 5 tasks:

- Write your **1 page relationship summary** discussing your history with your chosen person, identifying your communication challenges, and goals for improving this relationship and your own communication. Refer to this person by what you call them.
- Find and read 2 scholarly sources for your culmination paper that meet the CRAAP test criteria.
 - If you need help, check out the UNLV Library Guide for COM 102 in the Research and Writing module.

Module 6 tasks:

- Continue to read and research for your culmination paper. Find at least 2 more sources (out of the 4 required, at least 2 must be scholarly peer-reviewed sources and 1 must be a TED talk or podcast.) Add and **annotated bibliography** to your paper using correct APA for all sources.
 - Be very careful to avoid plagiarism.

Module 7 tasks:

- Brainstorm a plan for your culmination paper. Consider: how would you like to change as a communicator this semester? How will you enact this in your chosen relationship? How can you use your sources to guide you?

Module 8 tasks:

- Synthesize the research you've found on both of your topics in a **1.5-2 page literature review** using correct APA in-text citations. This should focus on synthesizing the findings and arguments of all of your sources. Be very careful to avoid using long quotes; aim for more paraphrasing and using your own words. Be very mindful of plagiarism as well. Conclude your lit review with your plan for how to enact your communication improvements.
- Continue com log. It should begin to include attempts to improve communication skill/competency. Use the template; fill it out completely in full sentences, connecting your reflection to your research topics.

Module 9 tasks:

- Continue your com log, now including progress interactions, documenting your attempts to improve your communication skill and competency.

Module 10 tasks:

- Continue your com log progress interactions, documenting your attempts to improve your communication skill and competency.

Module 11 tasks:

- Continue your com log progress interactions, documenting your attempts to improve your communication skill and competency. Remember you need to discuss at least three attempts to practice your skill and competency in the personal journey portion of your paper.

Module 12 tasks:

- Write your **2-3 page personal journey** to improve a communication skill. Focus on how this has impacted your chosen relationship and life. Discuss at least three specific interactions demonstrating progress over time (take these from your com log).

- You should now have a 4-6 page culmination paper! This should include in order: Introduction, relationship summary, literature review (with plan), personal journey (with impact), conclusion, and annotated bibliography.

Module 13 tasks:

- Proofread your rough draft.
- **Complete the extra credit submission of your rough draft to Brainfuse for feedback by the specified due date.**
- Consider the feedback you received from Brainfuse and revise your rough draft as needed.
- Finalize your paper!
 - **Submit final draft through Turnitin by specified due date.**