

1. **Term Paper—DUE MARCH 11TH IN CLASS**
2. **You are being given the instructions for this assignment on January 8th. That gives you TEN weeks advance warning regarding when it is due. Requests for extensions will not be given under any but the most extraordinary of circumstances. Getting sick the weekend before your paper is due is not an acceptable excuse for lateness. Any papers that are not in my possession when I leave the classroom on March 11th are considered late, and marks will be reduced accordingly beginning when I walk out of the classroom. Late penalties will accumulate for each calendar day (including weekends). Papers that have not been handed in BEFORE class March 21st will not be accepted. Completion of this assignment is MANDATORY to pass this course.**
3. **Your paper should be based on a minimum of 5, peer-reviewed sources.** These sources include peer-reviewed journals, or text books. **You are not permitted to use any websites as sources for your paper.** All sources that are directly cited in your paper, and only those sources that are directly cited in your paper, must be listed in the reference section of your paper using APA 6th edition format. The body of your paper should not be less than 4.5 pages, and should not exceed 5 pages of double-spaced text, **TIMES NEW ROMAN 12 point font** with ONE INCH MARGINS ALL AROUND, not including the title page and reference page. The title page should be numbered as page 1, and the reference page may begin as page numbered 7 if the body of your paper is 5 pages (your references should be double-spaced, so could be multiple pages). The entire paper must be formatted in APA style, 6th edition. Do not include an Abstract or Table of Contents.
4. **All information included in the paper must be in your own words. That is, make sure you paraphrase everything; there should be no direct quotations used in this assignment.**
5. **The protocol for marking is based on**
 - correct APA format, especially citations and referencing
 - writing style
 - quality of the body of report—ie., the content of your paper

VERY IMPORTANT NOTE

Plagiarism will not be tolerated. Direct quotations are not permitted in this paper; paraphrase & reference all information. Buying or otherwise obtaining someone else's paper and submitting it as your own work is justification for being expelled from the university. It is easier than most people think for a professor to detect plagiarism, and although some students get away with it occasionally, it is a very dangerous chance to take, because the consequences are severe.

Term Paper Topics

Before making your choice, you should do some research to learn a bit about the topics, and thus you can make an informed choice.

These are very broad topics that are all related to the chapters in the text that deal with Abnormal Psychology. If you would prefer to focus on a more specific aspect of any of these topics that is acceptable, but be sure to check with me first in order to get approval for writing on a more narrow focus.

- Agoraphobia
- Alzheimer's disease
- Antidepressants
- Asperger's Syndrome
- Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder
- Autism
- Bipolar Disorder
- Depression
- Multiple Personality Disorder
- Narcissistic Personality Disorder
- Obsessive-Compulsive Disorder
- Schizophrenia
- Tourette's syndrome