About the Independent Project

The final independent project will be a proposal argument and consist of the following areas:

1. Statement of the Issue
2. Background
3. Solution, Proposal, Budget Narrative
4. Multicultural Awareness
5. Consequences and Benefits

About the Statement of the Issue Assignment

The purpose of the Statement of the Issue assignment is to develop your research question into a statement that defines the framework and scope of your project.

In this section of the project, you will give your readers:

- a specific, clearly defined statement of the issue you are proposing a solution to
- a definition of any relevant theoretical or professional frameworks you will apply to the issue

Assignment Guidelines

An effective statement of the issue typically will follow all conventions of APA-style academic writing, support all claims with evidence, and articulate a sense of your own personal interest in the issue your project is addressing.

Format Specifications

Word Count: 200-500, double-spaced
Style Format: APA
Citation Format: APA In-text and reference list
Number of Credible Sources: 2-5

About the Background Assignment

The purpose of the Background assignment is to explain relevant context for the issue you are researching and summarize key viewpoints about the issue.

In this section of the project, you will give your readers the background information they need to:

- identify any relevant history or context about the issue
- establish key viewpoints held by experts, academics, or other stakeholders about the issue

Assignment Guidelines

An effective background assignment typically will follow all conventions of APA-style academic writing and citation, integrate opposing viewpoints, and defend original arguments about the viewpoints being integrated. You may wish to provide a critical history, trace the origins of a problem, etc. This assignment will be supplemented by, but is not limited to, the research you conduct for your annotated bibliography.

Format Specifications

Word Count: 700-1000, double-spaced
Style Format: APA
Citation Format: APA In-text and reference list
Number of Credible Sources: 2-5
About the Solution, Proposal, and Budget Narrative Assignment
The purpose of the Solution, Proposal, and Budget Narrative assignment is to explain an implementable solution and describe the processes and procedures of implementation of the solution.

In this section of the project, you will:
• recommend a specific solution
• propose methods for implementing that solution
• discuss the solution’s cost

Assignment Guidelines
An effective Solution, Proposal, and Budget Narrative assignment typically will follow all conventions of APA-style academic writing and citation, defend original arguments about implementation and cost, and effectively criticize and integrate information drawn from secondary sources.

Format Specifications
Word Count: 700-900, double-spaced
Style Format: APA
Citation Format: APA In-text and reference list
Number of Credible Sources: 2-5

About the Multicultural Awareness Assignment
The purpose of the Multicultural Awareness assignment is to assess the impact of the proposed solution on diverse communities and evaluate limitations of the solution in response to your assessment.

In this section of the project, you will explore any multicultural implications of the solution you are proposing by:
• assessing how the solution will impact diverse communities or groups of stakeholders
• evaluating any limitations or obstacles you will need to overcome, or any concessions that will need to be made in light of relevant multicultural considerations

Assignment Guidelines
An effective Multicultural Awareness assignment typically will follow all conventions of APA-style academic writing and citation, defend original arguments, and effectively criticize and integrate information drawn from secondary sources; specifically, this assignment is your opportunity to demonstrate your awareness of relevant multicultural aspects of your project.

Format Specifications
Word Count: 350-500, double-spaced
Style Format: APA
Citation Format: APA In-text and reference list
Number of Credible Sources: 2-5

About the Consequences and Benefits Assignment
The purpose of the Consequences and Benefits assignment is to assess the consequences and outcomes of implementing your proposed solution and to defend your solution against barriers.

In this section of the project, you will predict and assess the likely consequences of implementing the solution you are proposing by:
• assessing ideal or expected outcomes
• defending your solution against reasonable barriers

Assignment Guidelines
An effective Consequences and Benefits assignment typically will follow all conventions of APA-style academic writing and citation, defend original arguments, and effectively criticize and integrate information drawn from secondary sources; specifically, this assignment is your opportunity to predict likely outcomes and consequences, which would help decision makers accept your proposal.

Format Specifications
Word Count: 700-900, double-spaced
Style Format: APA
Citation Format: APA In-text and reference list
Number of Credible Sources: 2-5