



COMMUNICATION II

COMMUNICATION SKILLS II

2nd Semester AY 2023-2024

Requirement Guide 1

Argumentative Research Paper

I. Task

Write a library research paper on a topic of your interest. The paper should be contextualized in the local setting and should center on a clear argument that will persuade your audience to support your position. Your argument should not be limited to pro or anti positions. Use a critical lens to look into the different aspects of the issue you have chosen and what position you hold about it.

For example:

Instead of this—

“I am against the beauty standards perpetuated by advertisements of whitening beauty products.”

Try this—

“The beauty standards perpetuated by advertisements of whitening beauty products contribute to the decline of mental health among women.”

In this example, the position taken by the writer is more specific and can be substantiated by various sources on the issue including research studies, anecdotal evidence, and statistics, among others. Make sure that your position is informed by the facts you have encountered in researching about your topic.

An argumentative research paper aims to accomplish the following (Dadufalza, 1992):

- Use of a wide range of sources to expound or argue an idea
- Support main argument with evidence and details
- Exhibit valid reasoning and persuasive appeal



For more information, you can:

- Read about the parts of an Argumentative Paper here: <https://www.theclassroom.com/improve-debating-skills-4489523.html>

The link is also accessible through VLE.

II. Procedure

1. Before writing the ARP, you should have an approved:
 - a. Topic Proposal (thesis and main arguments)
 - b. Sentence Outline (2-level sentence outline)
2. You should have at least 8 sources published in the last 5 years: 4 online sources (e.g., pages of universities (.edu) or organizations (.org)) and 4 academic sources (e.g., books and journal publications). You can look for academic sources online. The paper should be contextualized in the local setting.
3. Attach the approved sentence outline in the ARP. The content of the paper should be: outline, ARP, and reference list page/s.
4. You will also prepare a reference notes document for your paper. This will reflect the sources you used in your paper (a sample is in VLE).
5. Guided by your outline, write your argumentative research paper using the strategies discussed in class. While there is a final deadline for this paper, your progress will be periodically tracked to make sure that you are working on your paper based on the writing calendar.

FURTHER INSTRUCTIONS:

- Paper Size - US Letter (Short; 8.5 x 11)
- Font - Garamond; Size 12
- Spacing - 2.0 (double spacing)
- Margin - 1" on all sides
- Page Number - lower right
- Documentation/Citation Style - APA
- Length: 10-11 pages only (exclusive of the outline and reference list)
- Filetype: Word Document
- Kindly indicate your full name (Surname first); student number; course and section, and date of submission (dd/mm/yyyy) on the header of the document. (See format sample)
- File name – COMMII_Section_ARP_Surname

III. Evaluation Criteria

Content – 60 %

- Sound thesis statement; development of ideas through facts, examples, details, and explanations
- Well-developed introduction and strong conclusion
- Coherent and concise writing

Organization – 15 %

- Clear arrangement of content sustained across smoothly transitioned paragraphs; with introduction and conclusion
- Logical progression of ideas

Language - 15%

- Free from grammatical errors and misspellings
- Good command of the English language
- Proper use of academic register

Mechanics – 10 %

- Assignment instructions and format guidelines were followed correctly
- Proper use of APA citation

IV. Due date

The final submission date is on **May 10, 2024** but your progress will be tracked according to the following schedule:

- **MAR 15 - MAR 21:** consultation and approval of final topic and sentence outline
- **MAR 22:** working reference notes
- **APR 12:** final reference notes
- **APR 19:** ARP first draft

Contact your instructor for concerns regarding the submission date.

V. Reference

Dadufalza, C.D. (1992). Reading into writing 2. Manila: Bookmark