



COMMUNICATION II

COMMUNICATION SKILLS II

2nd Semester AY 2023-2024

Requirement Guide 3

Position Paper

I. Task

Using critical reasoning, write a position paper that "takes a stand on an issue and defends it" (Dadufalza, 1992, p.341). Your objective in this paper is to express your position while also convincing your audience to agree with and/or support your position.

Your paper should argue your stand on either of the following:

- *Should the Philippines reinstate the death penalty for certain crimes, or should it remain abolished?*
- *Should the Philippines legalize divorce, or should the country maintain its stance against divorce in alignment with cultural and religious values?*

II. Procedure

1. Take a position from the issue posed by your instructor.
2. Look for at least three sources to support your stand and evaluation of the issue.
3. Come up with an outline for your position paper. Submit the outline on or before May 3, 2024.
4. Use APA format to cite your sources.
5. Follow the format specified below.
 - 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: 3-4 pages only (exclusive of the 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_Position Paper_Surname

Should you have questions or clarifications regarding the activity, feel free to reach me via email.

III. Evaluation Criteria

Content – 60 %

- Sound thesis statement; development of ideas through critical comments about the issue presented
- 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
- Strategic use of inductive/deductive reasoning
- 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 submission is due on **May 21, 2024** through a Google Form which will be linked in VLE. Contact your instructor for concerns regarding the submission date.

V. Reference

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