

FINAL PAPER – 35 Points
FACULTY INTERVIEW
DUE DATE: DECEMBER 10 by 5:00pm

1) Select a faculty member to interview. Consider finding a professor in an area you might major in, or someone whose work or career path seems interesting to you. Utilize the umich.edu search bar to find faculty by name, department, or topic area.

-Ilona will maintain a list of each student's top interview choices to ensure minimal overlap. Email Ilona with your top two choices prior to contacting the faculty member and alert her if you need to contact your second choice.

-A sample outreach email is posted under Resources in CTools.

2) Prepare for the interview by crafting at least 5 questions. It is essential to do some background research on the faculty member so you are familiar with their work. Search online for their bio, research interests, resume, publications, etc.

-Be prepared for the conversation to go in an unexpected direction. It is OK if you don't get to some or most of your prepared questions, but it is essential to have them.

3) Write a 4-5 page paper based on your conversation. Begin with a short introduction stating why you chose this person. Using the information you gathered from the interview, build a cohesive profile of the faculty member. The information you gleaned from their answers should create the bulk of the paper, but your thoughts, reactions, and analysis should also be included.

-Please note that 3 ½ pages will not meet the assignment requirement. Make sure to write a minimum of four full pages, or extend to a fifth page. Papers should not exceed five full pages.

Format:

4-5 double spaced pages (see above note about page length)

Times New Roman or Calibri 12pt font

Name and section on the first page (right justified)

Outside references are not necessary

TIMELINE: It is your responsibility to schedule your faculty interview with enough time to meet the December 10 deadline. If you have not received a response from a faculty member within a week, you should move on to your second choice.