

# Final paper

POL 330 - Latine Politics in the U.S.

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## ! Important

**For seniors:** Due May 13 at 5:00 pm on Canvas

**For non-seniors:** Due May 14 at 5:00 pm on Canvas

## Purpose

Learn how to engage in a conversation with the scholarly literature in a topic. In the process, you will learn to identify key ideas and evidence in the literature and find where you can contribute new ideas or test existing assumptions (skills that extend beyond school!).

## Task

Write a research design paper of at least 8 double-spaced pages (12-point font, 1-inch margins) that includes the following sections:

1. Introduction
2. Literature Review
3. Theory
4. Research Design
5. Conclusion

By now, you have already written drafts of sections 2-4. You must revise these drafts according to the feedback you received and add an introduction and conclusion.

## Criteria for success

A successful research design paper:

1. Presents a clear and well-motivated research question
2. Identifies the relevant literature and where the paper fits within that body of work
3. Presents two testable and falsifiable hypotheses with appropriate justification/explanation
4. Discusses implications of the work

Additionally, pay attention to the following:

- Include a properly formatted reference page using APSA style.
- Proofread your paper so that there are no grammatical or punctuation mistakes. This includes capitalization and placement of quotation marks after punctuation. In case of doubt, use

Google and the resources in the “[Writing](#)” section of this website. I encourage you to use [Grammarly](#) as well.