# Possible Research Topics

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## 1 Possible Research Topics

- 1. Mathematics of symmetry and Fibonacci patterns in nature
- 2. Mathematics of probability
- 3. Mathematics of encryption and security
- 4. Economics of personal and corporate debt
- 5. Biology of stem cells, e.g., differentiation and reverse engineering<sup>1</sup>
- 6. Quantum computers, quantum computation, and the theory of quantum consciousness
- 7. Science of alternative energy<sup>2</sup>
- 8. Biographical life of a scientist—Newton, Einstein, Galileo, Galois, Abels, Cantor, Turing, Boole, Godel...
- 9. Symmetry and Fibonacci patterns art: real science or wishful perception?
- 10. Statistics and Probability in medicine, insurance, game shows, gambling, physics, marketing
- 11. Encryption and security
- 12. Philosophy of science; science-religion connections/divides, etc....
- 13. Literature and consciousness
- 14. Artificial Intelligence and Gaming
- 15. Gaming and Social Networks
- 16. Social Networking and 'Hooking up'
- 17. Do animals have anything like human language? (other mammals? primates? bees?)
- 18. Homosexuality: nature or nurture?
- 19. Is racism a behavior that used to be an evolutionary advantage?
- 20. the list goes on...

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Many people write papers on this topic.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup>Again, many people write on this subject.

#### 1.1 Comment

You should find something that engages you, or something that you think is crazy and would never be allowed to write about for a college. The point of attending a University<sup>3</sup> is to get the chance to have a transformative experience. You can have a good experience in this class, and do interesting research, if you pick topics that are really cool.

## 2 Research

### 2.1 Databases

- Research tools accessible at the UVU-Library
- Research guides by topic at UVU library
- Electronic Encyclopedias and Dictionaries
- JSTOR
- ScienceDirect
- ERIC
- Academic Search Premier
- Project Muse

#### 2.2 Other Places

- MIT Press
- Cornell ArXiv
- Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy
- Academic web pages of professors for downloadable papers<sup>4</sup>

## 2.3 Organizations and Websites

- American Medical Writers Association
- Association of Teachers of Technical Writing
- IEEE Professional Communication Society
- National Association of Science Writers
- Society for Technical Communication

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup>Besides the obvious and beaurocratic goal of making more money.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup>Make sure these sites are connected to a University or College—as the example here shows, if you are on-line!