

RESEARCH PAPER

The student must write a **1500 word** paper that is relevant to the subject. In **BIOLOGICAL SCIENCE** any subject related to Biology such as the human body, nutrition, plants, ecology and animals are acceptable. The issue should be up-to-date and referenced.

In order to complete the requirement the following steps shall be taken:

- 1) Select a topic as soon as possible. Discuss this with your professor if you wish some guidance.
- 2) Have a title page. Make sure to include your name, class, and time.
- 3) Research relevant and up-to-date articles about the subject in the library.
DO NOT use encyclopedias, books older than 1995, "The Enquirer", or any other general trendy magazines that are common on the supermarket shelves.
DO use journals such as "Science", "Science News", "Scientific American", "Nature", "Preventive Medicine", and other health or medical journals.
- 4) You may want to write a rough draft of your paper. Use facts and present your information in a "matter-of-fact" manner as directly as possible. Look at other scientific articles in the library as a guide, but if you want to add your own style that would be fine. The paper is graded on following the guidelines, content, readability, and organization.
- 5) Have at least **FIVE** sources of information. Please cite these sources where they occur in your paper, either with a number superscript that can be in the references section on **a separate last page** or at the bottom of the text with footnotes. APA or MLA style is fine or any combination, as long as the cited source can be linked to where you acquired the information.
If a Website is used, make sure to use the URL or Internet address. No matter how many Website sources you use, they will only count as one source. It is acceptable to use the Internet to acquire articles found in "virtual libraries" such as those affiliated with HCC and USF.
Interviews can be used but will count as one source.
- 6) This paper will be used for a grade (100 points).
- 7) Your paper will be returned to you by the end of the course.
- 8) The paper is due on or before: **THE WEEK OF March 25th, 2012.**
Papers turned in late will have a 10 point deduction.