

PSY 499 Thesis Paper Instructions

Each student is responsible for the completion of an APA-style, argumentative thesis paper. The paper must be no less than 10 pages (double-spaced, 12-point font) in length (including the title and reference pages), and the paper must include at least 15 references from peer-reviewed journals (use only primary sources).

Each student will choose one of the major psychological theories or perspectives covered in the course and submit a paper with a **clear thesis statement**. Each student will submit a thesis statement no later than the end of Module 2.

Students will use peer-reviewed research to provide support for their thesis statements in the papers. Students will also be required to synthesize relevant material to provide compelling support for their thesis statements. The paper will account for 30% of the final grade and must be submitted to the Assignment box **no later than Sunday 11:59 PM EST/EDT of Module 8**. (This Assignment box is linked to Turnitin.)

You may want to visit [Purdue OWL](#) for assistance with formatting your argumentative paper in APA style.

You will also prepare and submit an audio-narrated PowerPoint presentation of your thesis paper. This means you will need to record and embed a narrative for each of your slides; i.e., say what you would say if you were presenting in front of a live audience. Your presentation will be worth 100 points and will be graded according to [this rubric](#).

The thesis paper will be worth 100 points and will be graded according to the following rubric:

Criteria	Points					
	10	8	6	4	2	0
Content (40 points possible)						
1. All topics are discussed in clear detail.						
2. Assertions are relevant to the thesis and are supported correctly.						
3. Ideas are interrelated coherently and logically.						
4. Author creatively enhances the topic.						
Organization (30 points possible)						
1. An introduction previews main points of paper and includes a clear thesis statement.						
2. Body of paper develops and elaborates main ideas.						
3. A conclusion summarizes main points.						
Writing Mechanics and Style (30 points possible)						
1. Paper is free of mechanical errors (e.g., misspellings, typos, etc.).						
2. Paper is grammatically sound (proper sentence structure).						
3. Paper is formatted in APA style.						

Total Score: ____ / 100

Instructor comments: