

**EIU 4190G, Spaceship Earth
Spring 2007**

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Term Paper Requirements**

From The Syllabus:

Term Paper: You will have to write one paper. Topics must be approved (**via email**) by the third class period (Jan. 23). A draft of the paper must be turned in by February 27 for initial comments (which will be turned around ASAP), and then revised before March 27 (which is when the final version is due). This paper will be submitted in partial fulfillment of the Electronic Writing Portfolio (EWP) requirements (<http://www.eiu.edu/~assess/>).

So you are asking yourself, what am I going to write about? Well, there's really only one major guideline: Your paper should be about an environmental issue that affects you, the community that you associate yourself with, your major, etc. For instance, if you are an art major, you might discuss the types of problems that can occur by being exposed to the hazardous materials you work with on a daily basis. Or, maybe you grew up in an agricultural community and are interested in how an increased demand for ethanol could benefit your community. Whatever you choose, please choose a topic that is interesting to you. Also, it is up to you to decide the term paper/presentation topic. I'll certainly help you if you want, but I will not pick your topic for you (please come see me if you are having trouble deciding what to research). More details will be provided later.

Purdue University Online Writing Lab: <http://owl.english.purdue.edu/>. This website is a great resource and has guides for both APA and MLA formatting for references (including websites).

The Details:

Format: 7 pages of text (minimum), double-spaced and at least a 1 page works cited for a minimum of 8 pages. Any tables and figures used do not count toward the 7 page minimum, but are great to use so include them! When you use these, please identify them appropriately (Figure 1, Table 1, etc.) and make sure they are identified in the text as well! Just sticking in a figure without making reference to it in the text is pointless. If recreating a figure or table, you must cite the original source and include it in the works cited. Also, all references including web sources must be cited in a standard format (e.g., MLA, Chicago-style, AGU, etc.). Come see me if you have any formatting questions!!

References/Sources: Your paper must have at least 8 sources and 5 of these must be from sources that are not worldwide web based. These sources could include diaries, journals, oral history recordings, memoirs, textbooks, encyclopedias, newspapers, magazines, and writings with references. Because of how its articles are submitted, check with me before using anything from www.Wikipedia.org. National Geographic, Popular Science, and American Scientist, are examples of appropriate magazines.

Topic Due via E-mail: 1/23/07
Draft Due: 2/27/07
Final Paper Due: 3/27/07