Anthropology 385G/750G  
Bioarchaeology of Pacific-Asia  

Guidelines for Research Paper Assignment  

CONTENT  
A research paper summarizes your investigation of published sources on a pre-approved topic in bioarchaeology of the Pacific-Asia. Your treatment of the topic reflects anthropological and scientific perspectives as well as ideas and evidence discussed in this course. The paper includes:

• prior consultation with instructor [10 pts]  
• an interesting, creative title [2 pts]  
• an introduction that identifies the theme of your research and ends with a clearly stated question(s) [10 pts]  
• a summary of the literature providing background and context for your study [15 pts]  
• evidence from studies addressing the problem you have selected [10 pts]  
• if appropriate, analysis that applies appropriate methods and theories and leads to an answer to your question(s) [20 pts]  
• conclusion that restates main points and reiterates your evaluation [10 pts]  
• useful illustrations (appropriately captioned) and tables [8 pts]  
• *American Journal of Physical Anthropology (AJPA)* style "References Cited" [5 pts]  
• careful editorial grooming (spelling, vocabulary, grammar, transitions, *AJPA* format citations) [10 pts]

Total: 100 points

RESEARCH  
Your paper uses and cites published sources (primary and secondary, monographs, books, and journal articles, encyclopedia entries; *not* web pages, dictionaries, etc.). Journal articles should provide more than half of your material. The number of sources needed varies depending upon the topic you choose. Discuss your research strategy and progress with the instructor.

The completed paper has a text of 10-12 double-spaced, typed, edited, numbered pages. Maps, illustrations, tables, references cited, etc. are additional pages. The page requirement for graduate students is 15-20 pages + references and supplemental information. All graphical material must be mentioned in the text by figure number and presented with a figure number, a caption composed by you, and complete citation of source (unless original). Illustration sources are integrated with other data sources in the alphabetized References Cited.

CONSULTATION  
It is important that each member of the class either stop by my office (Dean 207) or email me to discuss your topic and progress towards completing this assignment. Pay particular attention to the following:

• It is important that you determine there are sufficient journal articles and other printed sources available before committing to a particular topic.

• Complete the research paper proposal assignment.
• I will review rough drafts of your paper provided that it is sent to me well in advance of the deadline.

MECHANICS

The title of your paper is important. Your title should convey useful information about the contents of your study without implying that this is the definitive work on the subject. Try to work in key words revealing geographic context, indicator of stress, paleopathology, theoretical stance, etc.

It is assumed that you have received formal training in writing a documented research paper and understand how to paraphrase material, how to quote the words of another author, and when to cite sources. Prepare your citations and list of references cited according to *American Journal of Physical Anthropology (AJPA)* style. Any recent article in *AJPA* will serve as a good model for your paper. You are encouraged to explore the *AJPA* style guide.

Your research paper must be typed. Make sure that you edit, spell check, and thoroughly proof-read your paper. Number the pages. Use gender specific language accurately and judiciously; otherwise select gender neutral terms and constructions. Avoid terms that depersonalize, stereotype, or romanticize, etc.