

SCIE300 SSP1: paper proposal and annotated bibliography

Recall that the final goal of the Science and Society Paper (SSP) assignment is a research paper of 2500-3500 words, based on a topic of your choosing that has been approved by the instructor. SSP1 is the first milestone for this assignment, consisting of a paper proposal and annotated bibliography. The proposal should give a clear description of the main topic, followed by a proposed outline of the paper. Guidelines for the topic description and outline are as follows.

- Aim for about one page, although longer outlines will not be penalized.
- A bullet point format may be best, but feel free to structure your outline in any way that conveys it clearly.
- Remember that, as described in the overview for this assignment, the paper should combine technical and factual content with societal or policy implications.

The annotated bibliography should give full bibliographic information for every entry, together with a description of the contents in your own words. About 50 words per source should be sufficient.

Guidelines for the annotated bibliography are as follows:

- No minimum or maximum number of sources is suggested. You must use your own judgment in determining the number, type, and range of sources that will be required to write a carefully researched paper on your chosen topic.
- It is essential that at least some of your sources are authoritative. Usually, this means the source is a book that has been published by a reputable press or an article published in a peer-reviewed academic journal. If you use a source that you believe is authoritative, but it is not a traditional scholarly source, you must explain why you believe is authoritative.
- Your bibliography may also contain less formal sources, such as blog entries, web pages, and articles from non-peer-reviewed publications.
- Give full bibliographic information for every entry, including year of publication, page numbers, name of journal etc. This information must be given in a standard bibliographic format, such as APA or MLA. For nontraditional or non-scholarly sources, full bibliographic information must still be provided. A hyperlink is not sufficient.
- For every entry, give a description of the content of that source in your own words. About 50 words per source should be sufficient. For articles, your summary should provide evidence that you have read the article. For books, is not necessarily expected that you have read the whole book, but your summary should provide evidence that you are aware of the contents of the book.

Rubric

The paper outline and bibliography are each worth 50% of this assignment. For the paper outline, an excellent grade can be achieved by providing a clear structure that achieves the goals described in the overview of the assignment. For the bibliography, an excellent grade can be achieved by following the guidelines above.