

Capstone Paper Format

- I. Introduction
 - A. Introduce your topic
 - 1. Include why you chose the topic
 - 2. Include your concerns regarding the topic
 - 3. Include your general questions about your topic
 - B. Give context and background to your topic
 - 1. Include what issues interested you about this topic
 - 2. Include the steps you engaged to arrive at the topic
 - C. Explain the research you plan to carry out
 - 1. Give general information about the topic
 - 2. Reflect the importance of your research topic
 - D. State your reasoning for this research
 - 1. Explain why this research is significant
 - 2. Include the relevance of this research for readers today
 - 3. Include your outline
- II. Body Part 1: How does your first academic discipline inform your topic?
 - A. Include 2-3 questions that you will address
 - 1. Include the significance of each question as it regards the topic
 - B. Include what the literature says about this topic
 - 1. List, define, and explain the concepts you will be including
 - 2. Be sure to include current as well as historic authors
 - 3. Include what concerns these authors have stated about the topic
- III. Body Part 2: How does your second academic discipline inform your topic?
 - A. Include 2-3 questions that you will address
 - 2. Include the significance of each question as it regards the topic
 - B. Include what the literature says about this topic
 - 1. List, define, and explain the concepts you will be including
 - 2. Be sure to include current as well as historic information
 - 3. Include what concerns these authors have stated about the topic
- IV. Body Part 3: How do your two academic disciplines inform one another?
 - A. Include why each major is important to the other
 - 1. Include what each major has to say about the concepts of the other major
 - 2. Include how your topic would be incomplete without the other
- V. Body Part 4: Why is this research important?
 - A. Explain why this research is significant
 - 1. Include the relevance of this research for readers today
- VI. Conclusion
 - A. Include what you learned about this topic
 - B. Include how and why you will utilize this research in the future
 - C. Include what surprised you as you concluded your research

Helpful Hint: Re-write your introduction after you have written your paper