

ESS505 – Term Paper and Presentation

Reminder of Term Paper Format: Paper length should be approximately 2000 to 2500 words (~4 formatted pages), including the abstract (250 words or less), but excluding figure/table captions, citations, and references. Approximately four display items (figures or tables) can be included. No more than 30 references should be cited. If data and/or new computational methods are presented in the paper, information on data/computational code availability should be given.

Reminder of Oral Presentation Format: You will also give a (12-minute) oral presentation in the final discussion section of the course. The format should be similar to that of a talk given at the American Geophysical Union (AGU) fall meeting, Geological Society of America (GSA) annual meeting, or another international conference. The presentation should be accessible to anyone with an undergraduate degree in geology or a related field, but also present information of interest to specialists. Generally, the presenter spends 2 to 3 minutes introducing the topic, 8 minutes discussing the study and its results, and 2 to 3 minutes summarizing the study (with emphasis on the impact of the results). If there is sufficient time, a few questions are permitted. In our case, we will allow 3 to 5 minutes of questions.

Upcoming Schedule –

Friday, 11/17 (3 days from now) – Meet as a group after lab to talk through your current progress, and plan for the coming weeks

Wednesday, 11/22 (8 days from now) – Submit an outline of your paper and a preliminary reference list

----- *Enjoy your Thanksgiving* -----

Friday, 12/01 (17 days from now) – Submit as complete a draft as possible for me to check. We will meet after lab and discuss any remaining concerns, and the presentations

Friday, 12/08 (24 days from now) – 12-15 minutes presentation on your project

Monday, 12/11 (27 days from now) – Paper due, before I wake up the morning of the 12th.