**Research Proposal (Paper 1)**

You will be conducting individual projects this semester where you will plan a study, collect data, and analyze the data collected. Before you can begin collecting data for your project, you need to submit a proposal outlining your study and have it approved by me. Once I approve your proposal, you may begin collecting data. The proposal is worth 40% of your lab grade.

Due: **At the beginning of lab on the syllabus due date. Hard copy only, print ahead of time!**

Late submissions (any proposal given to me more than 15 minutes after lab starts) will be deducted 1/2 a grade per day late (including weekends). After a week, the highest grade you will receive is 50%. No matter how late you submit your proposal, you **have to** submit a proposal and get approved before collecting data.

Required sections in **APA format**:

* Title Page (1 page)
* Abstract (1 paragraph)
* Introduction (3 pages minimum). Make sure you discuss:

Why is this important?

How does this study relate to previous work?

Theoretical and practical implications?

What are the hypotheses and objectives? (End with your question & prediction)

* Method (as long as necessary to properly describe your methods)
  + Include these 3 subsections:
    - Participants- selection criteria, recruitment plans (who/where/when/how)
    - Materials- ingredients; include a sample of your survey/stimuli (appendix)
    - Procedure
  + Describe each section clearly enough that someone could replicate the study
* Data Analysis (as long as necessary)
  + Describe how you will analyze your data (specific variables & tests to use)
  + Make sure you:

Re-introduce your hypothesis

Discuss what inferential statistical measure you’ll use to test your hypothesis

Describe the variables used for your statistical measure & how you’ll define & measure them

* Reference Page
  + Include at least 10 peer-reviewed journal articles (all must be cited in your paper)
* Appendix (IF you know what material you are using)
  + This is where you include the materials you will use in your study (e.g., survey, script, stimuli, etc.)