

Part IV. RESEARCH PAPER

In the previous assignments, you have analyzed the data and answered the questions that will guide you to write a research paper. The aim of this assignment is to guide you through the process of writing this research paper. Also, in order to receive feedback before the final submission, you will submit each section of your paper on the date that I will add at the end of each part. Doing so, I will be able to provide you feedback along the way of writing your paper and make sure you understand and meet the expectation of the assignment. Follow the steps below for instructions.

PAPER STRUCTURE:

- I. Abstract:** This section is an outline of your paper. It should include the aim and the importance of your study, methods (qualitative or quantitative) and highlight your findings in 2-3 sentences. The abstract should be no more than 250 words—Due date for revisions: To be determined (TBD).
- II. Introduction/Literature Review:** In this section you should give the reader a brief summary of your topic. Your summary should include the definition of the concepts assimilation/incorporation, theories of assimilation, and should discuss the experiences of immigrant groups overall. In this part of paper, you should also talk about the aim of your research followed by your research questions. Your research questions should be answerable by the analysis that you have done in previous assignments. However, if you want to do more analysis in order to answer your research questions that you are generating, you are more than welcome to do so. But, make sure to use the same data set that we have used. Introduction/Literature review should be around 1.5-2 pages in length—Due date for revisions: TBD.
- III. Data and Methods:** This section should include a description of your data and methods that you used. First, you should talk about your data such as the name and year of the data set you used. Then you should provide a description of the variables (dependent and independent) that you used in your analysis (Look at handout 1 to find information about your data and variables). Since you will need to generate hypotheses based on your research questions, you will need to include them in this section. When you present your hypotheses make sure to provide a rationale. Data and method sections should be around 1-1.5 pages in length—Due date for revisions: TBD.
- IV. Findings:** This section of your paper should include your descriptive, bivariate and multivariate analysis (what you did in previous analyses). Tell the reader the socio-demographic structure of the population that you analyzed (include the percentage of racial/ethnic make-up of population, sex, age, and marital status). Then, you should talk about the results of the bivariate and multivariate analyses. For instance, how does English proficiency influence income? Are there any variations across racial/ethnic groups or gender? If so, which kind of patterns do you observe? Do your findings support your hypotheses? Overall, by using the work you did on the previous assignments you will present the results to the reader in a more academic way. The findings section should be around 3-4 pages in length—Due date for revisions: TBD.

- I. Conclusion/Discussion:** This section should be more analytical writing. First, you should mention again the aim of your study and remind readers of your research questions. Include a discussion of your findings and whether your hypotheses are supported or not. You should also apply immigration theories' arguments and course discussion to your findings. For instance, do your findings support immigrant theories tenets or are they unsupportive? You can also discuss the differences across racial/ethnic groups, gender and age groups by incorporating how Alba and Nee or Portes and Rumbaut' theories may explain such differences or may fall short in explaining these differences. In this section, you can also include the limitations of your study by providing suggestions for future research. The conclusion section should be around 1.5-2 pages in length—Due date for revisions: TBD.
- II. References:** Provide all resources that you cite throughout paper. Click on this link to see proper [ASA citation style](#).
- III. Appendix.** Copy-paste your tables here.

NOTE: You should have at least two scholarly sources in your paper, not including the assigned readings during the semester. Wikipedia does not count as a scholarly source. The final paper should be typed in Microsoft Word with Times New Roman, size 12 font and 1-inch margins. Papers should be 6-10 pages (Tables are not included), double-spaced.