The Alternative Research Assignment (PSY 150).

For Psychology 150 courses, the Alternative Research Assignment is one written paper reviewing eight different published psychology articles which you have read. Each paper should be at least 10 pages in length (not including your source cited page) and must be an article listed on the following pages. These articles are available at CSUN’s Oviatt Library. Make sure to cite the sources/articles you used.

Each paper must include a description of how the findings relate to human subject research and to a topic discussed in your class. Your paper should be typed, double-spaced, and include no more than one inch margins on all sides.

Your articles used for reference must come from the list of articles on the following pages. These articles were chosen by the Human Subjects Committee because they were deemed great informative articles which will increase your awareness of human subject research.

Finished papers should ...

- Be turned in by the research requirement deadline
- Have your professors name listed at the top corner
- Be 10 pages in length (Plus a sourced cited page)
- Include at least 7 sources
- Be submitted to the Research Area in Sierra Hall 333-G

Your professor will be given the paper for grading AFTER being checked by the Research Area.

IMPORTANT NOTE ABOUT PLAGIARISM:

You will not receive credit for the assignment if it contains any plagiarism. Plagiarism is defined as “The act of appropriating the literary composition of another author, or excerpts, ideas, or passages there-from, and passing the material off as one’s own creation.”¹

If you do not understand the wording in an article, make sure to look up the definitions instead of copying what another author wrote. You must write this paper in your own words. If you need assistance with the paper please contact your professor or contact the Writing Center at http://www.csun.edu/lrc/writing.html.

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