

## Ism Research Project Instructions

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### Course Student Learning Objective #5

To evaluate racism, classism, sexism, heterosexism, ableism, or ageism, including their origins, and causes, as it relates to working with diverse populations.

### Project Overview

You will have 5 weeks to complete the Ism Research Project. What is an Ism? It is a system of oppression which creates advantages and disadvantages for dominate and subordinate groups- this concept will be thoroughly explored and discussed this semester. Before beginning this project you **MUST** get approval for your Ism topic (racism, classism, sexism, heterosexism, ableism, or ageism).

### Timeline

**Week 2:** You must email the Professor no later than the end of the 2nd week of the semester with your desired topic from the list of Isms provided (email should include 3 options in preferential order). This email should also include course information (1:30 or 3:00pm). The Professor will reply to your email indicating which Ism you are approved for. If you don't submit your request for your topic, I will assign it to you via email.

**Warning!** If you submit an unapproved topic you will receive a zero for your project.

**Week 4:** By this time you should have completed the research component of the project, with a draft list of statistics and facts for each section. I encourage you to meet with me during my student hours to discuss these statistics in preparation for your written first draft.

**Week 5:** By this time you should have a first draft or completed outline of each section of the project. I encourage you to meet with me during my student hours to discuss your progress.

**Week 6:** By this time you should be editing your draft project in preparation for submitting it next week. Any request for my feedback should be received no later than class on Wednesday.

**Week 7:** A completed Ism Research Project must be submitted in the Dropbox in D2L as a RTF, DOC or DOCX, or PDF file by the time class starts on **Monday** this week; any other format will not be accepted.

**Late submissions** in the Dropbox must be made by the next class session and can only earn up to a C grade.

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### Format

Failure to meet these basic format requirements will result in an automatic zero for this project:

- Double-spaced, 12 point font (Arial, Sans, Times)
- 1" margins
- 5-10 pages in total length
- Includes APA in-text citations and full citations on a Reference page
- Bulleted format as shown below

A completed Ism Research Project will have clearly identifiable bullets with these headers:

- I. Demographics
- II. Violence.
- III. Health/ Access to Healthcare
- IV. Employment, Housing, & Economic Discrimination
- V. Mental Health
- VI. Historically Significant Events
- VII. Current Events
- VIII. Analysis

### Sections I – VII

Within sections I - VII you will report a minimum of 2-3 **statistics** that show how their diverse population is affected by this ism. You should be sure to show comparison data for the dominant and subordinate groups, to illustrate the disparities. It is expected that sections I – VII will consist of 2-3 pages and that each statistic will be reported in paragraph form. In other words the only bullets I should see are the major section headings.

### Sections VII

The Analysis section must be a minimum of 3 pages and be in essay format, to include:

*Introductory paragraph:* includes an “attention grabber” and a strong thesis statement.

*Body of the essay:* a minimum of 3 clearly stated main points that support the writer’s thesis. Each main point should be clearly supported by the previously reported statistics and appropriately cited. At least one main point should address the impact of the media and other forms of cultural discrimination that contribute to oppression. Another main point should address interventions and strategies to reduce prejudice and discrimination.

*Conclusions:* wraps up the analysis and reiterates the author's key conclusions.

### **Direct Quotations**

This project should be written in the your own words; no more than 10% of the project should be quoted, word-for-word material. If you submit a project with more than 10% quoted material you will be penalized a point for each percentage above the 10% allowable. If you submit a project with more than 30% quoted material will receive an automatic zero.

### **APA Citations**

You are expected to demonstrate understanding of the rules of plagiarism and are expected to use APA citations appropriately, which include in-text citations and full citations on a Reference page. You are expected to cite at least 5 unique resources; you will be **penalized 4 points** for each missing resource. If you submit a project without any APA citations you will receive an automatic ZERO for this project. Links on plagiarism and APA format are provided in the Resources link in D2L.

### **Plagiarism**

You are held responsible for submitting original work and I reserve the right to question anybody involved in academic dishonesty and take appropriate actions. Upon submission in the Dropbox in D2L these projects will be submitted to Turnitin.com to verify originality. If your submission demonstrates an egregious act of plagiarism you will be given an automatic zero for this project, will be reported to the BSS Area Dean, and possibly the campus disciplinary officer. If you use APA citations to avoid plagiarism but do so incorrectly, you will receive a smaller penalty for plagiarism (see the project rubric).

### **Score and Feedback**

The Professor will post scores and feedback in the Dropbox no later than 1 week prior to the scheduled Ism Panel Project. If you are on the earlier panels you will receive your score and feedback sooner than those of you on the later panels. The feedback will prepare you to do well on your Ism panel, which is why it takes time to post the feedback. Please see the posted rubric for a detailed explanation as to how these projects will be scored; I encourage you to thoroughly review this rubric as it provides clear expectations as to what is expected of you.

**READ THIS!** Any student that receives a zero for any reason on this project will be excluded from participating in the Ism Presentation Project.