S‌‌‌‍‍‌‍‍‌‍‌‍‌‍‍‌‌‌‌tudents are required to develop a term paper that examines a challenging issue/condition or problem in the field of psychopathology. Students will explore the issue by examining its application to a unique population in an attempt to understand issues of diversity in the application of psychology. Through directed library research as well as through observation (when this is an option), students will study the condition and attempt to explore how it is understood in this unique population. A one page typed first draft of the term paper should explore the question under study, the reason why this issue/question is being explored, and present a structured outline that shows how you plan to research the topic. In your write up, you must identify two sources that you plan to use. Sources can be obtained from psychology journals, book chapters, web-based articles from internet sites that explicitly deal with the question, or any other sources you find that are relevant. You must get approval from your instructor before writing the paper and your textbook cannot be used as a source. You should feel free to explore any topic that is of interest to you. Below are examples of the types of topics that would be acceptable: • Is depression the same for men and women? • How effective is psychotherapy for Asian Americans? • Do males who physically, emotionally, or verbally abuse their partners suffer from mental illness? • Do males suffer from eating disorders at the same levels as females? • Is the practice of Santeria a form of therapy, healing or quackery? • Is there a difference between Eastern and Western forms of mental illness? • Why are more children in the [U.S](https://u.s/). diagnosed with ADHD than any other country? • Is hoarding a real psychological disorder? • Why do African Americans avoid therapy? Your paper is to be written using APA style, should be 5 – 7 pages in length, using appropriate citation, and 2 – 3 scholarly articles. (To learn about APA style go to the LaGuardia library webpage ([https://library.laguardia.edu/files/pdf/apastyle.pdf)](https://library.laguardia.edu/files/pdf/apastyle.pdf%29) or go to Purdue University Online Writing Lab site <https://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/resource/560/01/> RESOURCES: LaGuardia Library – There are a variety of resources available at the library. You may use online resources by going to the LaGuardia w‌‌‌‍‍‌‍‍‌‍‌‍‌‍‍‌‌‌‌ebpage ([lagcc.cuny.edu/library)](https://lagcc.cuny.edu/library%29) to look for journals that may address some of these issues. While you should focus on using psychology journals, the most important feature is that you find journal articles that address this topic. American Psychological Association (APA) website – The APA website ([www.apa.org](https://www.apa.org/)) provides a great many articles on a variety of topics that you may find helpful in your research. Psychology Journals Possible psychology journals (published by the American Psychological Association) include: American Psychologist Asian American Journal of Psychology Journal of Abnormal Psychology Journal of Personality and Social Psychology Journal of Family Psychology Journal of Latinx Psychology Couple & Family Psychology: Research & Practice Cultural Diversity and Ethnic Minority Psychology Developmental Psychology Law and Human Behavior Psychology, Public Policy and Law Traumatology Psychology of Violence Psychology of Men and Masculinity You may also feel free to use blogs or other online articles that address the case you are presenting, BUT YOU MUST READ AND CITE 2 – 3 PROFESSIONAL JOURNAL ARTICLES as part of your term paper. GENERAL GUIDELINES FOR FORMAT OF THE PAPER Your paper should be organized into the following sections: I. Introduction/Statement of the Problem/Identification of the Problem – this provides the background or basis for your paper. Describe the issue that you will be addressing and a. Why is this topic of interest to you? b. What is the purpose of this research? c. What is your research question? II. Review of the Existing Literature – This is what allows you to see the current research or knowledge in the field that is related to your research question/topic. This provides the current understanding of this problem; the nature and scope of the problem. What is already known about the topic? You should choose at least two academic articles to get this information (articles in a professional psychological journal, not Wikipedia). III. Findings – What have you learned in your research? What do you now understand from conducting this research? IV. Conclusion – Summary or concluding statement, and possible research questions for the future. Where should the research go from here? V. References - A separate reference page should include ‌‌‌‍‍‌‍‍‌‍‌‍‌‍‍‌‌‌‌all of your cited research articles.