The term paper for this course can be on any topic that deals within the general area of criminal behavior analysis/criminal profiling. Remember, the professor must approve the topic before you begin. You are encouraged to write a paper that makes an original contribution to the discipline, serves your needs, and appeals to your particular set of interests. Work submitted from another class will not be accepted.

Worth: 100 points   
Submission: Submit to Dropbox entitled “Final Term Paper”

Submit at least 72 hours early and email the professor or TA if you want to request feedback prior to due date

**Content Requirements**

The paper must contain a central thesis or theory. You may construct your own theoretical model. The paper must also express some application for the theory. General organization of the paper is left to you. For example, the paper might be a review of the theoretical/research tradition. In this case, the paper should address points such as general history of the tradition, major scholars/researchers, studies, concepts, major ideas, possible directions for future research, critical analysis, comparison with some other perspectives, and applications for selected theories.

* 6-9 full pages of typed text in addition to the title page, references, etc.
* Times New Roman, 12 point font, double-spaced.
* Use APA or ASA format. Whichever style is selected, be consistent.
* Create a running head and use it throughout the paper except on the title page.
* List five to seven key words at the bottom of the title page.
* Proper spelling, grammar, punctuation.
* Concise and understandable writing
* Organized paragraph format
* Pictures and graphics will not be counted towards page count. Avoid them entirely.
* Less than 20% of paper should be comprised of even properly cited sources (reference page not included)
* The paper must demonstrate your familiarity with the literature.
* Use academic, credible sources to inform your writing.
* Must have an internal citation and related works referenced citation (in APA or ASA format) for each source utilized to inform paper
* Include a separate works cited/reference page formatted in either APA or ASA format.

Of the 9 total minimum citations required

* At least 1 must come from a textbook (either course textbooks counts if desired)
* At least 2 from peer-reviewed journal articles
* At least 2 from the Internet (this does not include online journal articles)
* All sources must be credible, academic, and/or peer reviewed.
* 2 of the total references must be less than 9 years old.
* Other sources may include newspapers, government documents, unpublished presentations at scholarly or professional meetings, etc.
* If you are unsure if a source is credible or academic, email your professor. She’s helpful.
* You are welcome to re-use the sources you used for your assignments 1 and 2 as long as the professor did not mention that they were not academic
* Finally, this project should be a fun and learning experience. See me early about any problems that you encounter. I am difficult to find the night before the paper is due!