**Final paper guidelines**

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* You already submitted a paper outline assignment, so you could use *that* document as your template to build out the final paper
* If you use this document as a template, remember to copy in your prior work from the outline submission. Then to make the needed improvements and adjustments based on feedback and your additional research.
* This document reminds you of some basics and the sections you should have
* Your final paper document should have helpful filename.   
  e.g., STUDENTNAME PAPERTOPIC 2023-xx-xx.docx (use current date)

e.g. Smith John Cybersecurity Laws 2023-8-12.docx

* You may download and save this document to your computer.
* Follow more detailed instructions as laid out in class and here:
  + <https://johnbandler.com/final-paper-assignment/>
  + <https://johnbandler.com/final-paper-project/>
  + <https://johnbandler.com/helpful-legal-links/>
* Put in effort, have some fun, learn through the process.
* Confused or questions? Ask in class, email me prior, or include at the end with your submission. Above all, do your best, remember the goal of this assignment is your effort and learning.
* Remove all instructions prior to submitting.
* Your final paper should be well proofread and polished.

The first page of your paper must include:

* Your name
* The date
* The course number

**The Paper Title**

Use Title Caps. DON’T USE ALL CAPS.

Work from the paper title submitted with your outline.

Then, improve it as needed. Incorporate feedback.

A wonderful, crisp title that informs the reader about what the paper is about

Be clear and direct. Communicate clearly. Don’t be overly clever or cute.

**1. Introduction**

This is your first point in the outline, your first section of the paper

First paragraph of introduction

* First, start with the single paragraph previously submitted.
* Then, improve it. Incorporate feedback. Make it better. Ensure it aligns with your paper.
* Do not introduce or summarize broad concepts, such as the Internet, cybercrime, etc.
* Your introduction can have a hint of conclusion, know that you know better where your paper is going.

Additional introduction paragraphs as needed.

Avoid getting into too many details or citations in the introduction.

**2. Section header**

This section header corresponds to your outline’s bullet point, improved as needed.

This section should be about law.

Text of this section

Footnote citations preferred.

**3. Section header**

Another point on law?

Text of this section

**4. Section header**

Text of this section

**x. Another section header if needed**

Text of this section

Remember, your paper should have 5-7 main points.

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**x. Conclusion**

Text of this section

Don’t cover new ground in the conclusion.

Conclude your paper.

**References:**

List all the relevant references you have reviewed in your research.

Even references you properly cited to within the paper.

Include all relevant prior references from prior submissions.

Delete any references which were not relevant.

Your research should have started with materials on our syllabus! Then expanded from there.

Make sure you have read the references you listed.

Make sure the citations allow the reader to find what you cited.

Check your citation form here and within the paper.

See my link on that. <https://johnbandler.com/guide-citations-references/>

List relevant laws, regulations, and cases.

**Student comments and questions**

Please leave the below three questions in the place, and respond to them.

1. List any and all consultations with the school library, including date, time, person consulted, how it went.

2. List any and all consultations with the school writing center, including date, time, person consulted, how it went.

3. How did this final paper submission go for you? How has the overall process gone for you over the semester?

**Things NOT to have**

Your paper should NOT have the following:

* No executive summary, no abstract (that’s what your introduction is for)
* No table of contents (it’s a short paper of 5-7 main points. You don’t need a ToC)