**SEMESTER PAPER EXPECTATIONS**

There is not much really new here, except Section 5 and the weights of the various sections. We’ve already covered most of this in the previous document. However, a refresher may be helpful.

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| Semester Paper Sections |
| 1. Clarify the issue and its importance (15%)
 | *In this section I expect you to clarify the issue addressed by your research question and identify why it is important to us.* |
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| 1. Summarize previous investigations and research (25%)
 | *In this section I expect you to summarize what you found in the literature. It probably makes the most sense to group research that produced very similar results or studied very similar aspects of the issue. I will be looking at both the quality and quantity of the body of literature you reviewed.* |
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| 1. Identify relations, contradictions, gaps, & inconsistencies in the research (35%)
 | *In this section I expect you to clearly identify these aspects of the literature you reviewed. If you can’t find any, it may be because you didn’t review a sufficient amount of literature or it may be because you were only looking for things that agreed with your point of view.* |
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| 1. Identify further research needed (15%)
 | *Your ability to do a good job here will probably be a function of the quality of the two sections above and particularly the quality of your analysis in section 3. I will be expecting to see specific recommendations.* |
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| 1. APA Format, spelling/grammar (10%)
 | *In this document, spelling, grammar, and APA format are all important. I’ve let some of this slide in discussion work but I won’t in the semester paper – so check your work carefully.* |

General Comments:

You will note each section carries a different weight toward your final semester paper grade. As logic would tell you anyway, sections 2 and 3 carry the most weight. If you do those well, section 4 will be easy.

Section 1 is really just buffing up what you already did in your proposal, and Section 5 is all about how well you present your work.