

Group Project

Because communication within groups is such a large part of our work and school lives, it is important that our class spends some time studying how groups function by working within one. Each of you has chosen a group of three to four classmates who will work together on the final project for our class. Because you will be working on this project, we will not have a cumulative final exam but will instead focus on presentations for our last project.

The project has four components due on two days. Keep in mind, your group is more than welcome to turn in work early (except, of course, for the presentation) for feedback from the instructor or to get the project out of the way.

STEP 1: Choose a problem at Owens, in your community, or hometown. I suggest a local problem so that it is manageable in scope, Remember you only have a short amount of written space and presentation time, so it is wise not to tackle too huge a problem.

STEP 2: Find research (2-4 sources) that proves it is a problem and explores possible solutions.

STEP 3: Based on your group discussion and your research, your group should propose the best solution(s) for the problem.

STEP 4: Turn in a one-page outline (10 points) for your project to Jen by **Apr. 22.**

STEP 5: Prepare a 6-page paper (50 points) defining and analyzing the problem, offering and exploring possible solutions, and finally advocating for the best solution(s). **Due Apr. 29.**

STEP 6: Present your group's findings in a 6-10 min. presentation (50 points) on **Apr. 29.**

STEP 7: Because the goal of the project is to work as a team, turn in a short group log (15 points) about how the group functioned. Include an entry for important group meetings or decisions and reflect on who lead the group, what problems arose, and other important information about how the group functioned. **Due Apr. 29.**

Please note: I am available to meet before or after class with any group that might want to discuss their project or I can also converse with folks on email. Also, there is a discussion board set up for each group so they may exchange ideas and information outside of class.