

ICOM 495 Assignments

Thesis

Overview

You will be doing an Analytic Research Paper, which means you will formulate a question and then explore that topic and evaluate the arguments.

During this process, you will not take an argumentative stance; instead, you will frame your particular take upon the question and evaluate the literature from that perspective as a way to explain how you came to your conclusion.

Your thesis paper should be related to an aspect of your project. For example: if you're creating an Alternate Reality Game (ARG), your thesis should explore a topic related to that genre of digital storytelling.

Objectives:

- Understand and apply basic academic research methodologies
- Apply critical thinking skills to a specific interaction design-related question
- Create a researched thesis paper evaluating a specific question

Requirements

- The paper will be 10-15 pages, single spaced
- The paper will include no less than 20 cited references
- The paper will use the current APA citation method
- The paper will include a title page (not counted towards the page count)

Timeline

- Week 4: Research Question: 25
- Week 8: Annotated Bibliography: 25
 - Week 6 is for evaluative feedback
- Week 8: Thesis, Abstract, Intro: 50

- Week 12: Thesis: 200
 - Title Page
 - Table of Contents
 - Thesis: 5
 - Abstract: 5
 - Key words: 5
 - Introduction: 10:
 - Literature Review: 50.
 - Argument: 50
 - Conclusion: 5
 - Works Cited: 20
 - Writing: 50