

SYSTEMS THEORY Paper

1. Your essay should be typed in Times New Roman, 12 size font, 1½ spaced format, one-inch margins all around, and justified (both left and right/Ctrl+J). Page orientation must always be “Portrait.”
2. You may use no more than 10 pages for your paper, including graphs, figures and tables, but excluding references and appendix. I want concise, detailed presentation. Edit your paper to achieve economy of words but depth of analysis.
3. You are encouraged to use outside sources (references) to back up your points (this is a scholarly assignment). Scholarly exercise implies using predominantly sources of vetted content such as journal papers and conference proceedings. Newspaper articles and websites can be used to support the discussion, but the latter (websites) often host content that is not vetted and as such cannot form the bulk of your research.
4. Use APA format only for citation.
5. Upload your assignments to the submission dropbox no later than midnight of the due date. The date of submission can be found on and on the Syllabus.
6. File submitted must be named as: LastName_FirstName_ _Term Paper
7. Acceptable file formats: doc, docx, and pdf ONLY

Note - any form of plagiarism will result in a grade of zero on the assignment and possible reporting of the incident to the Dean of students for academic misconduct. Good luck.

Choose any systems-related subject matter (concept, case study, etc.) in general systems theory that is of interest to you. Prepare a semester term paper (scholarly endeavor) that provides an in-depth analysis of the concept or organizational situation you have chosen. You are free to choose the subject matter (non-engineering or business subjects are permitted). What I am looking for is your ability to analyze a system using what you have learned in this course and apply your “systems thinking” to the chosen subject. Note – the work must be an and written in a scholarly manner – scientific paper.

Must have the following:

- Select any literature, business, or engineering text OR novel OR software project OR other such systems (i.e. engineering disaster) for your analysis.
- The topic must be sent to the course to be approved by instructor. Only instructor- approved topics can be used for the term paper.
- Provide an:
 - Abstract (Executive Review)
 - Introduction
 - Summary of the text or project situation
 - An analysis of the text or project situation from a systems theory perspective, including the analytical method used and any results (if relevant) in your work
 - Implications of analysis and points learned through the analysis
 - Conclusion
 - Bibliography
 - Appendices (if needed)
- Use the tools and concepts learned in class (CLD, BE Diagrams, etc.)