

Sociology 100W
Assignment Sequence Example

Formal Assignment	Description	Word Count (Approx.)	Readings	Informal/ Homework Assignments	Lecture/Workshop Topics
Sociological Imagination Essay	Explain Mills's concept of the sociological imagination and apply it to an example from your own life	1200	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mills, <i>The Sociological Imagination</i> • Example student paper • Yellin, "Starting Your Paper," "Structure & Style in Writing" & "Citations & References" 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mills summary • Freewrite about own experiences • Evaluation of example student paper 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reading comprehension • Sociological imagination • Summarizing • Introducing authors/titles • Peer review • ASA citations workshop
Research Proposal	Introduce the research question for your library research paper, explain how the question is sociological, and identify the major topics you plan to address in your paper	300	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Yellin, "Writing a Library Research Paper or Term Paper" 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Preliminary research question 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Developing & refining research questions
Annotated Bibliography & Reference List	State your revised research question and identify four sources for your research paper. For each source, provide a paragraph of overall summary, and a paragraph explaining how you will use this source in your paper. At the end, include a reference list in ASA format	900	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sociological journal articles • Yellin, "Library & Internet Research" & "Citations & References" • ASA Style Guide • Library tutorial on annotated bibliographies 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Journal article synopsis • Library research worksheet • Plagiarism quiz 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Navigating journal articles • Library workshop: finding sources • ASA reference list workshop • Peer review

Resume & Cover Letter	Write a resume and cover letter in response to a specific job announcement	600	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Online video and written guides from SJSU Career Center & UC Berkeley on job searching, networking, SpartaJobs, resumes & letter writing 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Locate job announcement 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Resumes & cover letters • Peer review • Writing Center: grammar & punctuation
Job Interview & Professional E-mails	Participate in mock job interviews. As an interviewer, review the job description, write relevant interview questions, and conduct the interview. As an interviewee, e-mail your application materials to your (mock) prospective employers, participate in a “dress rehearsal” interview, and e-mail your interviewers a thank-you note.	300	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Online guide from UC Berkeley on successful interviewing 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Interviewing • Professional e-mailing
Book Review	Review a book for an audience of other sociologists. Provide a basic summary, and evaluation of the strengths and weaknesses, and your overall assessment indicating whether you would recommend it.	1000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Book reviews from sociological journals • Yellin, “Writing a Book Review” & “Writing a Critique or Text Analysis Paper” 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Comparison/contrast of published book reviews 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Book review components & structure • Peer review
Research Paper Abstract	Write an abstract of your research paper in 150 words or less.	150	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Abstracts from sociological journal articles • Yellin, “Writing an Abstract” 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Comparison/contrast of published abstracts 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Concise writing

Oral Presentation of Research	Create a presentation of your research paper topic to deliver orally to the class (10 minutes).			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reviews of peers' presentations 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Oral presentation skills • Designing PowerPoints/ visual supplements
Library Research Paper	Address your research question by synthesizing the information you've found in your sources.	2000		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Outline • Post-writing conference reflection and plan 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Research paper structure and format • Summary vs. synthesis • Peer review • Individual writing conferences