

Project 3: The Capstone Project – 20 points total (10 for the deliverable and 10 for the presentation)

- Purpose:** For the service-learning option, develop reader-centered deliverables that meet your community partner's needs and expectations; present your semester work in a 15-minute slide show.
For the individual option, complete usability testing on Project 2 and write a report showing your process and presenting your findings; present your work in a 15-minute slide show.
- Audience:** Your instructor, your peers, your community partner, and your future employer.

There are two parts to this assignment. In order for the assignment to pass, you must submit both parts:

1. The deliverables: mixed visual and textual content, for 10 points
2. The PowerPoint presentation: 15-minute presentation, or about 17 slides, for 10 points

The Service-Learning Team Assignment: The Govans History Report

After working with your community partners on the capstone project this semester, you will finish the history report and present your work in a fifteen-minute PowerPoint slide show in business casual attire. So you will use the feedback you received on Project 2 to revise your report and submit a polished, professional document. The document should use APA, MLA, or CMS citation style for in-text attribution and a references list. It should be at least 5,000 words (10 pages) in length and be typed in 12-point Times New Roman (or similar font), single-spaced with 1-inch margins all the way around the page. The format of your report should follow the IMRaD organization: Introduction, Methods, Research Findings, and Discussion with a Conclusion. The document should also include a Title Page, Table of Contents, List of Figures (if necessary), a References list, and an Appendix with your interview questions and answers.

The Individual Assignment: The Usability Report

Use qualitative and quantitative (mixed-methods) data collection to test your Project 2 document. Compose a professional usability report following the information in chapter 11 Research Report genre from *Technical Communication Today* to guide your work. As part of the capstone assignment, you will also present your work in a fifteen-minute PowerPoint slide show in business casual attire. The document should use APA, MLA, or CMS citation style for in-text attribution and a references list. It should be at least 2,500 words in length and be typed in 12-point Times New Roman (or similar font), single-spaced with 1-inch margins all the way around the page. The format of your report should follow the IMRaD organization: Introduction, Methods, Research Findings, and Discussion with a Conclusion. The document should also include a Title Page, Table of Contents, List of Figures (if necessary), a References list, and an Appendix with your interview questions and answers.

You might also reference the Purdue OWL Usability Report and its attendant documents here: <http://owl.english.purdue.edu/research/usability>. While the OWL report is much more complex than yours should be, it may help you conduct your research and compose your document.

Goals of the Assignment

The goals of Project 3 are to work as a group or individually to accomplish the following:

- Work Process – Develop work strategies to create deliverables that meet the needs and expectations of your audience
- Research – Understand and use primary and secondary research methods to produce deliverables suitable for professional contexts
- Technology – Develop strategies for using and adapting various communication technologies to manage your project and produce user-centered deliverables
- Content and Document Design – Use written content and visual data (various principles of format, layout, and design) to create professional deliverables.

Format for PowerPoint Presentations

Please follow the requirements in our text. You may also reference the Purdue OWL.

Revision

You will have opportunities to revise your work throughout the research and writing process, and you will be able to revise *one individual assignment* after you have submitted your final draft. The revision is due with Project 3 on the day of our final exam. You may not use the revision due date as an extension for this assignment. I will average the grades from your original and your revised documents for your final assignment grade. However, because Project 3 is due at the end of the term, you will not be able to revise it after submission.