**Research Paper Assignment Instructions**

**Overview**

You will write a Research Paper on a topic of current or historical importance to public administration. The **Research Paper Assignment** will allow you to apply what you have learned to improve the way public administration addresses a problem in federal, state, or local government. You will choose the topic you write on, but your topic must be directly related to the field of public administration.

**Instructions**

* Your paper must be 8–10 pages in length, exclusive of title page and reference page; an abstract is not required.
* Your paper must make a point. Do not merely report what is. Take what is, analyze it, interpret it in light of a personal Christian worldview, discuss options, and discuss things you think should change.
* Support your ideas, give alternatives to current practice, and support them, and integrate material from textbook readings or lectures. If you are of a different major taking this as an elective, integrate your field into this project.
* Your paper must be written in formal grammar. You must use a minimum of 5 scholarly sources from both online and printed source material (in addition to the course textbooks and the Bible).
* Apply current APA page layout and source documentation formatting.
* Save the paper as “lastnameresearchpaper.doc” (e.g., Baranziniresearchpaper.doc). You must use Microsoft Word (neither Microsoft Works nor WordPerfect are acceptable).
* You must process your paper through the Turnitin plagiarism checker.

Review the **Research Paper Grading Rubric** for specific content- and presentation-related graded criteria.

Note: Your assignment will be checked for originality via the Turnitin plagiarism tool.

**Draft Submission Assignments**

After you complete your **Research Paper Assignment**, you should submit your assignment to the **Research Paper Draft Submission Assignment** to check your Turnitin report and make any adjustments prior to your final submission. After reviewing your Turnitin results, make any edits necessary to your **Research Paper Assignment** prior to submitting for a grade.