

I choose **Germany and US** to do the comparative paper. Let me know if you have any questions!

The final paper for this course should compare one of the following dimensions as it relates to older adults – retirement planning, **health care service delivery and finance**, or community long-term services and supports – in the United States and any other country in the world. The paper needs to:

- Introduce the two countries and the chosen dimension,
 - Include background information on each country and dimension, state why the countries and dimensions were chosen, and clearly state the focus of the paper in a thesis statement.
- Describe one of the three **dimensions** in the United States, (**healthcare service delivery and finance**)
- Describe the dimension in the selected country, (health care service delivery and finance) in **Germany**
- Comparatively, analyze the countries,
 - Consider – What is the impact of the two different cultures on the dimension and how does it compare across the countries as a result? How are the systems alike or different? What are the strengths and weaknesses of each system?
- Conclude with a synthesis that discusses the implications of the comparative analysis.
 - Consider – If one country's system were adopted in the other country, how would older adults be impacted? Who would be most impacted and why? How does the dimension benefit from interdisciplinary perspectives?

This assignment addresses the FKL dimensions of Critical Thinking, Inquiry-Based Learning, Human & Cultural Diversity, and Inter Relationships Among Disciplines. The Comparative Paper also serves as the designated Global Citizen Project (GCP) assignment for the course.

APA resources; other resources:

<https://guides.lib.usf.edu/academicwriter>

[\(Links to an external site.\)](#)

<https://guides.lib.usf.edu/agingstudies>

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The tabs below provide some specific examples to consider for inclusion in each dimension:

Because I choose Healthcare delivery and finance, here are things that should be in the paper.

Is there a universal health care system, a private market system, or a combination of private and public funding? In a discussion about U.S. healthcare, Medicare (showing knowledge of all of the different parts of Medicare), Medicaid, and the Affordable Care Act are key components to include. What are the reasons why health care is provided the way it is? Economic factors or cultural or both? Is hospice for end-of-life care used? How is hospice financed and where is it provided? In a person's home, in a hospice house or a nursing or assisted living setting?

Length: 4-page minimum to 6-page maximum for body of paper. Title page and reference page required in APA format.

Font: 12-point Times New Roman or 12 point Arial

Spacing and Margin: Double spacing, only, with normal 1" margins

Formatting and Reference Style: APA 7th Edition

Sources: Sources can include class readings from textbooks and other articles. I strongly recommend including outside research from peer-reviewed academic journals, governmental publications, major non-governmental organizations, and other high-quality sources. You need to have a minimum of 5 references. If you use an online website as a reference, it needs to be a reputable source (.org, .edu, .gov). If you use Wikipedia.com or other .com or .net online sources, you have to track down the original source and cite the original source, which also has to be reputable and preferably peer-reviewed. For example, Wikipedia.com is not sufficient for a citation.