

## ENV 4001: ENVIRONMENTAL SYSTEMS ENGINEERING

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Stage 3

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The third stage of the group project is a properly-formatted *reference list*. Here are the parameters:

- It is due on Monday, February 20, at the beginning of class.
- The reference list will count for 10% of your project grade.
- Each group should submit one hard copy. Please make sure all group members' names are indicated clearly. There is no need for a cover sheet.
- You must include at least 10 references.
- References should be formatted according to the guidelines of the American Psychological Association (APA). Note that, among other requirements, references should be double-spaced, be alphabetized, and have a hanging indent. You can find the APA publication guide for sale in the bookstore; it might also be available at the library. Several web sites also demonstrate APA style. Microsoft Word can format it for you, but usually makes a lot of mistakes; you are probably better off learning to do it yourself.
- You must give complete bibliographic citation for your references, as specified per APA style.
- You can include books, articles from scientific journals, articles from reputable magazines (e.g., *Time*, *Newsweek*, *Economist*), articles from reputable newspapers, government reports, reports from other organizations, and/or other printed resources.
- You can use web sites or Internet references, but these will not count towards your 10 sources. You must have 10 sources *excluding* web sites or Internet references. This restriction is for two reasons. First, it is difficult to determine what constitutes a reliable or reputable web site. Second, students tend to over-rely on Internet-based sources of information, and I want you to go through the exercise of obtaining information from other sources. It is fine to use Internet-based search engines to locate sources, but the actual sources of information should not be web sites or Internet references.
- Here are the only allowable exceptions to the restriction on Internet-based sources.
  - You may download reports from the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC). You might wish to use the Synthesis Report and/or the Summary for Policymakers, as these documents are written for a general audience.
  - You may download and cite bills that have been introduced into the United States congress (e.g., via <http://www.house.gov>, <http://www.senate.gov>, or <http://thomas.loc.gov>).
- It is fine if your reference list changes as you work on your paper. I am asking for 10 references now because I want to be sure that you are finding information to support your thesis. As you work on your paper, you might decide to drop some references and add others; that is fine.

If you have questions about the requirements, ask me.