

Final Paper Guidelines

Outline Due: Wednesday, March 4th

Draft Due: Wednesday, April 29th

Final Draft Due: Wednesday, May 13th

The purpose of the final paper is to allow you to explore a topic related to educational technology that is of particular interest to you, connect the topic to a theoretical context, and draft a publication for a specific audience. Because you each have different interests and career aspirations, I want to provide you with wide latitude to pursue your interest. At the same time, I want to provide a structure to help guide your work. With that goal in mind, I've developed the following steps to help guide you through the process:

Phase 1: Paper outline development (due Thursday, April 5th)

1. Identify the topic you're interested in exploring, develop a thesis or argument, and identify key references/citations that you will use to frame or support your thesis/argument
2. Identify your audience – develop a clear statement of your audience and how your proposed paper connects
3. Identify a journal to target for publication – noting nature of the journal (practitioner-oriented, peer-reviewed, etc.), editorial guidelines (including word count, reference style) and identify how this journal fits with your topic and intended audience

Phase 2: Paper development

1. Develop an outline of the paper for instructor review by Mar. 4th
2. Develop first full draft for instructor review (sometime prior to April 29th)
3. Complete final draft (May 13th)