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2. **Five Approach Paper (20%). Due date October 18, 2007.** The textbook for the course is organized around the five approaches that are typically used in qualitative research design. You should leave the course with foundational knowledge and an appreciation of each of the approaches. In the approach paper, you will describe each of the approaches and provide realistic examples that are not included in the text of how each approach can be used in psychological research. The paper should be between 10 and 12 pages and written in APA style.
3. **Poster Presentation (30%)** Each student will participate in a poster presentation of your research project at a poster conference (URCAS, the departmental poster session, or a professional conference). Details about the conference will be discussed later in the semester. Each student should be prepared to give a brief talk to attendees (3-4 min.) This poster presentation will help you think more deeply about your study and the meaning of data -- as you prepare your arguments to others.
4. **Final paper or Conference Submission (40%).** Each student will write a *research paper* that describes her or his contribution to the project. Each paper is limited to 4000 words and must be written and referenced in APA style. This word limit does not include the title page or reference section. As an alternative to the final paper, each student may choose to write a paper and submit it to a professional conference or meeting or to a professional journal. Dr. Person will be a co-author on all submitted papers. The formatting and work limit for the conference paper or journal is determined by the professional organizations and by publishers.

Additional Requirements and Policies

1. **Writing assignments.** All writing assignments must be typed, proofread, and submitted in APA format. Failure to adhere to APA style will result in a deduction in your grade. Of course, you will be penalized for excessive grammatical, spelling, and formatting mistakes.
2. **Honor code.** All students are required to read the Honor Code. The constitution of the Honor Code is provided in the Student Handbook. Failing to properly reference published work is a violation of the Honor Code.
3. **Pledges.** All written work must be pledged, and the following pledges must be signed for the final paper:
 - The paper reflects my ideas and understanding of the topics and research presented in it.
 - This paper falls within the word limit for this assignment.
 - Another student in this course or on Dr. Person's research team has read this paper and given me feedback.
4. **Late work.** Submit all assignments on time; **I HATE late work.**
5. **Be Proactive.** Become knowledgeable about the project and the research and technologies that are related to the research. Stay familiar with the progress of other members of the research team as well as with the overall project.
6. **Check email daily.** This is vital to the project's success because email is the only form of communication that is timely, reliable, and practical for research that involves multiple individuals and institutions.