## CREP (Paper-2) Guidelines

I’m often asked some variant of, “How long should the final CREP paper be?” The difficulty with that question is that paper length is not necessarily correlated with quality. I suppose it can be, but it is like #72 out of 100 other things much more important. Of course, that’s a hypothetical.

Nevertheless, for a first “big” paper like this I understand it can help assuage anxiety by having some *general* page lengthexpectations. All the guidelines below should be considered relative – relative to the project, your writing styles, and the topic you have selected.

*One thing to be sure, is that this paper will be longer than your first one.*

**Note that all pages are double-spaced.**

Title page (1 page) – on its own page

Abstract (1 page, no more than 200 words) – on its own page

Body of paper

* + Introduction (About 3-5 pages. Less than 3 and you’ve *probably* not reviewed the literature very well. More than that for this project *probably* means you’ve rambled a bit.)
  + Method (probably around 2 pages, maybe even less)
  + Results (a paragraph or two is likely, so certainly no more than a page, probably less)
  + Discussion (probably 2 pages will suffice)
  + References (will vary, BUT you need a minimum of 6 peer-reviewed sources for your paper) – on its own page(s)
  + Figure/Tables (1 page will do it) – on its own page

By my count, all in everything included that’s a total of between 12-ish to 15-ish pages, all in. (Again, double spaced)

* PLEASE make sure to check out the rubric we will use to evaluate the paper. Of course, you will have the opportunity for feedback on every section.