

HNRS 2000

RESEARCH & EXHIBITION

Spring 2022

Monthly Research Journal Entry

February 23; March 30; May the 4th

Unlike the other assignments, this deliverable is to be submitted *by email only* due to the requested *cc* to your research mentor.

Purpose of the Journal Entry

Around once a month, you are asked to submit a brief summary of your Research & Exhibition activities to me with *cc* to your research mentor. The intent of this summary is for us to stay in sync with each other so that we can be in the best possible position to help you throughout the semester.

(the first entry should cover January and February because we don't have the entirety of January and February is relatively short...so that is more like 1.5 months to start)

Journal Entry Specifications

For uniformity and easy searching, follow these specifications when formulating your email:

- **Subject:** HNRS 2000 Research Journal Entry
- **To:** The course instructor
- **cc:** Your research mentor
- **Content:** (a) Summarize your Research & Exhibition activities for the preceding month, (b) State your plans for the coming month, and (c) Describe any hurdles that you foresee in the coming month, *explicitly saying "No hurdles foreseen"* if you don't anticipate any issues coming up.

Provide the information in distinct bullets so that it is clear that you are addressing every item.

The items themselves need not be very long; a maximum of a few sentences each will suffice.

What We're Looking For

Qualities that we are looking for in your journal entry and research activities include:

- **Specificity and individuality:** avoid solely saying things that everyone else might say (e.g., "I wrote my annotated bibliography"—avoid statements like that, because it's clear that this is something everyone in class would have done). Instead, provide details pertaining to your specific journey and chosen topic
- **Steady progress** through the arc of the research process covered by this course (i.e., literature review; convergence on a specific research or creative inquiry; formulation and presentation of a proposal for this inquiry)
- **Appropriate, quality interactions** with your research mentor—should be enough to get proper guidance, but not too time-consuming for either of you

The email format will facilitate responses from any of the recipients in case feedback or other information needs to be conveyed. Remember to choose *Reply All* if a response is to be seen by everyone on the email.