

GeoSci 311 -- Mineralogy: Fall 2008 Term Paper Information

- (Monday Sept. 15) Select and have topic approved by the instructor. Complete initial web and library search for background material.
- (Monday Sept. 22) Start reference list.
- (Monday Sept. 29) Expand reference list.
- (Monday Oct. 6) Refine topic.
- (Tuesday Oct. 14) Gather data.
- (Monday Oct. 20) Preliminary Outline.
- (Monday Oct. 27) Begin writing. *Be sure to cite the published literature correctly and avoid plagiarism.*
- (Monday Nov. 3) Abstract and refined preliminary outline.
- (Monday Nov. 10) Proofread, cleanup, checking and abstract.
- (Monday Nov. 17) Rough draft. Turn in: a complete draft of your paper including pertinent figures, graphs, and tables with captions. Include refined draft of the abstract and a reference list.
- (Monday Dec. 1) Preliminary version of project presentation.
- (Monday Dec. 8) Final draft due including neat illustrations, tables, and a full reference list.
- (Dec. 8, 10, 12) Final project presentations in class Monday, Wednesday, Friday.

Refer to the course website for helpful links and for tutorials about using on-line resources through the UMass Amherst library system.

Submission of each section on the proper date is essential to receive full credit for that portion of the larger project.