

The Final Project for Fall, 2010

I have posted on the web site, at the top, in a special area, some possible projects you can do for the final project. If you don't want to do another project you would especially like to do, more in line with your major, you can pick one of the ones I have posted. I will post more later (shortly after Thanksgiving), but here is a few to look at, now—these interest me. You are to do a 4 page (undergraduate) or 6 page (graduate) paper in WORD (.doc) on this final project, and do your statistics in R (if you choose to do one of my projects). The final projects will be due on the last day of Finals Week (which is on a Saturday this term!), and will not be accepted any later than that (although you can submit it earlier than that if you choose). The final project is a large part of your grade in this class, so you want to do a good job on this. It is due so late so doing this final project won't interfere too much with your studying for finals. I tried to schedule it so that you can work on it either before your final exams or after they are done.

If you want my clarification/information/help/etc. on any of these projects, feel free to visit with me (as long as it isn't the last day before they are due!!). Be sure to visit with me well in advance of the due day if you want to do a project more in line with your major, so we can coordinate what you want to do in a non-panic manor.

Sometime shortly after Thanksgiving break I will be soliciting your decisions on what you want to do for the final project, so you will need to have your mind set fairly soon on this.

These projects shall be written up "professionally", using the approaches and tools you have learned this semester, along with your base of information you began the semester with. I want you to communicate clearly and concisely, using graphs, tables, etc. liberally, as needed, throughout the text you produce. Don't put all of your relevant graphs and tables at the end of your paper, or in an "Appendix". I don't want to have to stop reading, and spoil my train of thought, to thumb through an Appendix searching for a graph or table needed for what I have been reading.

Let me know if you have any other questions regarding this project. Good luck, good learning, and have some fun on this!!