

Hunter College of the City University of New York
Department of Geography
Geography of Long Island

Guidelines for the Term Paper

The term paper is worth 30% of your final grade. As stated in the syllabus, its focus is a topic that explores a current or potential geographic issue from a planner's or analyst's point of view that has been approved in advance by me. This means that it is more than a descriptive presentation and looks at the behind the scenes or situations leading to the topic in question and also to future possibilities. You start off by setting the scene and stating the issue, then delving into it, and finally coming to a statement of future action. Think of it as a major Question of the Day! Always ask yourself: *Where's the geography in the theme?*

The paper should be long enough to cover the topic in reasonable depth and include either foot or end notes.

There should be a stated premise or theme clearly stated in the introductory paragraph and a concluding section that summarizes the paper and may suggest areas of further study.

Any writing style you are comfortable with is fine with me; just keep it to one style.

There needs to be a separate bibliography at the end of the paper and at least two maps: a Long Island locator map and a detailed map of the area discussed. If it is helpful to you presentation, you may want to include additional maps and/or charts, photographs, tables, etc.

If needed, consult the Hunter College Reading and Writing Center for citation and bibliographic formats (<http://rwc.hunter.cuny.edu>).

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