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Intro Social Sciences Course Interview Assignment

1. Select a professional in your prospective academic discipline and/or career field that is considered an expert in an area in which you are interested.
2. Secure an interview with the professional for a date and time that is convenient for both of you.
3. Prepare 8-10 questions to ask the professional about their knowledge of a particular academic discipline/career field.
4. Conduct a 20 – 30 minute, face-to-face interview to gather knowledge that will help you make an informed decision about the major/career you are considering. You will want to audio/video record the interview with the interviewee's permission.
5. Prepare a typed transcript of the questions and answers using the audio/video recording
6. Write a 400 – 500 word reflection paper in which you address the following items:
 1. Who you selected and why?
 2. What you learned from them that is most interesting?
 3. What this assignment helped you learn about your major/career decision?
 4. What questions you still have?
7. Submit the typed transcript and reflection paper to your instructor.

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Interview Assignment
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Due dates:

- Draft interview questions – September 30, 2014
- Transcript of interviews – October 15, 2014
- Report - November 17, 2014

Purpose: The purpose of this assignment is to help you make an informed decision about the major/career you are considering.

Skills: The purpose of this assignment is to help you practice the following skills that are essential to your success in school and your professional life beyond school. In this assignment you will:

- Access and collect needed information from appropriate primary and secondary sources.
- Synthesize information to develop informed views.
- Compose a well-organized, clear, concise, report to expand your knowledge on a subject in your major.

Knowledge: This assignment will also help you to become familiar with the following important content knowledge in this discipline:

- Issues facing professionals in a field
- Scholarly research formats for documenting in-text sources and creating reference pages (i.e., bibliographies).

Task: To complete this assignment you should:

1. Select two professionals in your prospective academic discipline and/or career field that are considered experts in an area in which you are interested.
2. Secure an interview with the professionals for a date and time that is convenient for both of you.
3. Prepare 8-10 questions to ask the professionals about their expertise in a particular academic discipline/career field. The questions must be based on a review of the field using 5 credible sources as defined by the librarian in our research module. Sources should be cited using APA formatting.
4. Conduct a 20 – 30 minute, face-to-face interview with each professional to gather knowledge that will help you make an informed decision about the major/career you are considering. You will want to audio/video record the interview with the interviewee's permission.
5. Prepare a typed transcript of the interviews
6. Compare and contrast the information provided by both professionals in an **8 page (1.5 spaced, 12 point Times New Roman font, 1 inch margins) report** that documents the advantages and disadvantages of a career in the selected field.

Criteria for success: Please see the attached rubric.

	Accomplished	Good	Developing
Content	<p>34 (34%) - 40 (40%)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Addresses all of the essay components Each topic is given thoughtful consideration, depth, and detail 	<p>20 (20%) - 33 (33%)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Most of the essay components are covered; Topics are somewhat given thoughtful consideration, depth, and detail 	<p>0 (0%) - 19 (19%)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Zero to few of the essay topics are covered; Topics are significantly lacking thoughtful consideration, depth, and detail
Style	<p>9 (9%) - 10 (10%)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Uses appropriate grammar, punctuation, spelling, and capitalization Includes smooth and effective transition words and phrases Takes the reader through your answers in a logical, progressive way Clearly written with engaging style 	<p>7 (7%) - 8 (8%)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Somewhat uses appropriate grammar, punctuation, spelling, and capitalization; Includes somewhat smooth and effective transition words and phrases; Takes the reader through your answers in a somewhat logical, progressive way; Somewhat clearly written with engaging style 	<p>0 (0%) - 6 (6%)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Significantly lacking in appropriate grammar, punctuation, spelling, and capitalization; Significantly lacking in smooth and effective transition words and phrases; Significantly lacks logic and progression; Significantly unclear and/or unengaging
Structure	<p>9 (9%) - 10 (10%)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Includes an introduction, body, and conclusion Organizes main ideas in well-defined paragraphs that relate to each other Meets formatting requirements (typed, double-spaced, 12-point font, style requirement, page length) Includes in-text citations and a reference/works cited page 	<p>7 (7%) - 8 (8%)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Somewhat includes an introduction, body, and conclusion; Somewhat organizes main ideas in well-defined paragraphs that relate to each other; Somewhat meets formatting requirements (typed, double-spaced, 12-point font, style requirement, page length); Somewhat includes in-text citations and a reference/works cited page 	<p>0 (0%) - 6 (6%)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Significantly lacking an introduction, body, and conclusion; Significantly lacks organizing main ideas in well-defined paragraphs that relate to each other; Significantly lacks formatting requirements (typed, double-spaced, 12-point font, style requirement, page length); Significantly lacks in-text citations and a reference/works cited page
Interviewee	<p>18 (18%) - 20 (20%)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Person interviewed is well qualified and relevant to your area of interest 	<p>15 (15%) - 17 (17%)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Person interviewed is somewhat qualified and relevant to your area of interest 	<p>0 (0%) - 14 (14%)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Person interviewed is not qualified and/or relevant to your area of interest
Transcript	<p>18 (18%) - 20 (20%)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Interview transcript is detailed with a verbatim account of 5 questions and answers Interview questions are relevant and purposeful 	<p>15 (15%) - 17 (17%)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Interview transcript lacks detail and includes a brief description of questions and answers Less than 5 questions are included Interview questions somewhat lack relevance and purpose 	<p>0 (0%) - 14 (14%)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Interview transcript lacks detail and includes an insufficient description of the questions and answers Less than 5 questions Interview questions mostly lack purpose Interview transcript is not included