

Format for expanded outline: This outline assignment will give you the opportunity to identify the details of your topic, find key articles in your area of interest, and produce a concrete framework for your paper.

—You have two options: 1) provide a bullet pointed list of paragraphs, or 2) provide a narrative (note that you cannot just present a bullet pointed list).

—The outline should be 3-4 pages, not including references.

— Your outline should have about half of the required number of references (see literature review overview)

—To craft a strong outline, you should:

—Present an argument up front in the form of “In this review, I will present evidence that...”, and UNDERLINE your argument, and make sure it is in the 1st or 2nd paragraph

—synthesize the information from the research-papers into a story. Follow a logical structure that breaks your topic into discrete sections and summarizes what you will cover in each section.

Remember, this assignment should be focused on the above argument that unites your many papers. Consider what general theme and background information unite your articles? Why should other researchers of animal behavior who do not study these particular behaviors care about these studies?

—Consider how to categorize whether studies used different approaches or tested different hypotheses, and list a logical way in which these can all be considered together by specifying sections and subsections for each theme. Consider if methodologies for these studies are similar, or are there important differences that may have implications for their interpretation.

--Consider whether it makes sense to lump your studies into categories such as: specific hypotheses tested, environment, social structure, signaling system, etc. Also, consider whether the results support the same conclusions if the studies differed in important ways (i.e., with different hypotheses tested). Do all the papers support a general principle that could be applied to other systems as well?