Senior Capstone

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Course Objectives
The Senior Capstone Course in Communication Studies is a research oriented course which requires the development of a research question, paper and a public presentation. Your work should reflect specialization in one or more areas of the field of communication and make a scholarly contribution to the field.

Assignments:
• **Research Question and Proposal:** A final draft of your research question, along with a one-page rationale for study is due by September 8.
• **Annotated Bibliography:** Submit completed bibliography by September 29.
• **Final Project Draft:** Your final project draft is due by November 3 (Optional).
• **Final Paper:** Submit your final research paper by November 17.
• **Presentation:** You will present your work during the final weeks of the semester.

Grade Distribution
Your final grade will be determined by the percentage of total points that you earn. Plus/minus grading will be used.
The breakdown is as follows:

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Academic Integrity:
Students are expected to maintain high standards of academic integrity. Cheating, plagiarism, or any behavior deemed unethical will not be tolerated and will be prosecuted in strict accordance with Westminster College policies. See your student handbook for details.