

ENGL 105

Unit Project 2 – Writing in the Social Sciences: Site Ethnography Presentation

Genre	Purpose	Audience	Role	Rhetorical Situation
Academic conference presentation	To inform conference attendees about the results of your ethnographic study on a local contemporary subculture or gathering space	Other anthropologists and anthropology students interested in contemporary subcultures and spaces who are attending this conference; future scholars visiting your online profile to watch your conference presentation	Anthropologist interested in contemporary local subcultures and gathering spaces	You are an anthropologist interested in better understanding contemporary local subcultures by researching, analyzing, and writing about a specific cultural aspect of UNC or Chapel Hill life (and then presenting that research at an academic conference).

Scenario

For our second unit, you will conduct your own ethnographic study and present your findings in the form of an academic conference presentation. (Because we cannot gather in person, you will deliver your presentation in the form of a pre-recorded video.) In order to create this presentation, you will take on the role of an anthropologist interested in contemporary local subcultures and gathering spaces. You will be observing, researching, and analyzing one cultural aspect of life at UNC or Chapel Hill. (If you are taking this class from a distance, you can choose another topic based on your current location.)

To complete this study, you will conduct an ethnography of your chosen subculture. “Ethnography” means, literally, a portrait (*graph*) of a group of people (*ethnos*). An ethnography is a social, political, and/or historical portrait of a specific group of people or a particular situation or practice, at a particular period in time, and within a particular context or space. Ethnographies have traditionally been based on an anthropologist’s long-term, firsthand research (called “fieldwork”) in the place and among the people or activities they are studying. You will employ the methodology of “participant observation” to complete your ethnography.

Because of the current COVID-19 pandemic, people/organizations will not be gathering and interacting in groups in the usual manner. For this reason, the subculture of your choice will be the group of people using a specific site or location at UNC or in Chapel Hill. (In your observational work, you might also consider how your chosen site was originally designed or intended and how it has been altered or adapted in response to the current pandemic and/or other factors.)

In this unit, you will complete two feeders: Feeder 2.1 is an annotated bibliography, a useful research tool for understanding the existing scholarly conversation around a given topic. Feeder 2.2 is your typed and coded field notes from the primary research you will conduct in the field.

You will then synthesize these two feeder assignments into an academic conference paper for a presentation lasting between four and five minutes in which you discuss your ethnographic study of your chosen site and the people using that site. You will be expected to post the script of your presentation in advance, complete with section headings and a complete References list. This transcript will eventually be paired with a video-recording of you delivering this presentation. Both the transcript and video will be posted to our course website so future audiences and scholars can revisit your work.

In Unit 1, you conducted secondary research and practiced translating academic work into a language, style, and genre accessible to a non-expert audience. Unit 2 builds upon this by exposing you to conducting primary research in the field. You will also conduct secondary research to help you generate your own research question and to guide and contextualize your own primary research.

This unit allows you to enter the scholarly discourse around your chosen subculture of study by allowing you to synthesize your research (both primary and secondary) into an academic conference presentation in which you share your unique findings. This experience will expose you to one of the most common methods for disseminating knowledge in academia both as presenters and as audience members while also allowing you to learn and practice best techniques for oral communication and presentation.

Note that for all of our work in Unit 2, we will be using American Psychological Association (APA) citation format. Your primary source of information on APA citation format should be the UNC Libraries. See the following pages:

- UNC Libraries: "[Why We Cite](#)"
- UNC Libraries, APA:
 - "[Sample References Page](#)"
 - "[In-Text Citations](#)"
 - "[Print Sources](#)"
 - "[Online Sources](#)"

Feeder 2.1: Annotated Bibliography (at least 3-4 sources total)

Step 1: Select a local site or location to study. Your first task is to choose some aspect of UNC or Chapel Hill life to analyze, preferably a specific site or location at UNC or Chapel Hill. (Again, if you are engaging in distance learning, work with me to select a location more accessible to you.)

It will help to think of UNC and Chapel Hill as consisting of unique cultures or subcultures that must be explored and analyzed to better understand them. There are limitless possibilities to study, but some ideas include: spaces for dining, spaces for study, residence life, outdoor gathering spaces like specific quads, spaces for Greek life, areas designed for

sports or recreation, monuments or memorials around campus, sites devoted to religion or worship, multipurpose sites, or other sites or locations around campus or in Chapel Hill.

The goal here is to observe and study a site or location of which you are not an intimate member or user. Ultimately, you are studying a subculture united by their use of the same space. Be creative but intentional in your choice. There are certainly some viable options I did not think to include in this list, so do not feel limited by the options I have suggested.

Note: Do not choose a site with which you are already intimately familiar. For example, you cannot study dorm life in your own residence hall or study the fraternity/sorority you are currently “pledging.”

On Thurs. Sept. 17, we will go over our introduction to the Social Sciences and look through this unit assignment prompt. On that day, in class, you will be asked to brainstorm, discuss, and eventually commit to the specific subculture or cultural phenomenon you wish to study. You will be asked, in class, to post the site or location you wish to study and provide a few sentences explaining why you’ve selected that topic. (This means that, prior to this day in class, you should have brainstormed some potential areas of study and your motivations/goals in studying these subcultures. What do you find interesting/confusing/engaging about this topic? What do you hope to learn? What assumption(s) do you expect to confirm?) **You must commit to a topic and post it to our forum for the day before leaving class that day. If you are absent, you are responsible for posting to the appropriate forum before the end of our class session on Tues. Sept. 17 with a selected topic.**

Step 2: Conduct an (optional) preliminary observation and develop a research question (RQ).

Once you have selected a location to study, you may find it helpful to conduct what is called a “preliminary observation.” You could visit your chosen site and spend about thirty minutes to observe everything that occurs there. You have the option of taking careful field notes and then typing them up as soon as possible after your preliminary observation to capture everything as accurately as possible. I will post a handout on Sakai for you to use to help you focus your analysis if you wish to take this approach (“Field Notes for Preliminary Observations” at Sakai>Resources>Unit 2).

Whether or not you conduct a preliminary observation, you will need to then generate a specific research question (RQ). It is crucially important that you have a single, specific question to answer so that you can focus your research and writing on one aspect of this subculture or cultural phenomenon. Create a document titled “Tentative Research Question.” Your document should list:

- Your specific site or location of study
- Your tentative research question
- Your typed field notes from your preliminary observation (if applicable)

Go to Sakai>Forums>Unit 2: Writing in the Social Sciences. Find the forum topic for Mon. Sept. 21 and copy and paste this document into your post. This is due by 11:59pm so we can discuss in class on Tues. Sept. 22.

Step 3: Compile and analyze secondary sources. Now that you have completed all of the above steps, you are prepared to actually complete your feeder assignment. In order to better understand the complexities of your research question, you need to conduct secondary research, which means consulting the work of other scholars in the field. Therefore, for Feeder 2.1, you will create an annotated bibliography. An annotated bibliography is a bibliography, a list of citations of various secondary sources relevant to your project, but in this case each citation is accompanied by an annotation, a paragraph of information that describes the source's overall argument or point as well as its value toward your particular research project.

Your annotated bibliography should include **at least three or four scholarly or serious sources. All of your sources should engage with your chosen location and/or your research question in some manner. This might be direct or indirect, explicit or implicit. Your sources should provide useful background information or context that relates to your chosen location and/or relate to your location by overlapping thematically or conceptually (i.e., regarding how the site is used, etc.).**

You might locate sources that discuss the historical or cultural significance of your chosen site; alternatively, you might find sources that relate thematically to how your chosen site is used. For instance, a location used as a site for dining might lead you to find an anthropological discussion on how dining together is used to form and maintain human fellowship and community. Consider also if specific organizations gather at or use this site regularly. You might research their own organizational website, etc. Additionally, how does the University promote/represent this site on its own website or other materials?

For historical and cultural information regarding various sites on the campus of UNC-Chapel Hill, consider the following:

- [*The Carolina Story: A Virtual Museum of University History*](#)
- [*Documenting the American South*](#)
- [*Names in Brick and Stone: Histories from UNC's Built Landscape*](#)
- [*NCPedia*](#), which contains articles mostly pulled from the *Encyclopedia of North Carolina*
- [*True and Candid Compositions: The Lives and Writings of Antebellum Students at the University of North Carolina*](#)
- UNC's [Wilson Library](#)'s various special collections including: [North Carolina Collection](#), [Southern Folklife Collection](#), [Southern Historical Collection](#), and [University Archives & Records Management Services](#)

Instructions for formatting your annotated bibliography:

- At the top of your annotated bibliography, briefly state your selected location or site of study and your research question. Then continue with your actual annotated bibliography.
- Include a full, APA-style bibliographic citation for each source. For Unit 2, we will be using APA citation style. For more information about citation formats, including APA, see the [UNC Libraries page on citations](#). (Your sources should be listed in alphabetical order determined by how each bibliographic citation begins.)

- After each citation for each source, write an annotation consisting of a solid paragraph that answers the following questions in complete sentences for each source:
 - What is the author’s object of study (the specific object/subculture/cultural phenomenon/location that is their focus of analysis)?
 - What is the main argument or premise of the source?
 - How will this source help you analyze your chosen location, specifically regarding your research question? How will this source uniquely contribute to your final project?
 - (This next component is a slight alteration to the typical style of an annotated bibliography.) In addition to your annotation, write out two or three relevant quotations from this source that could contribute to your analysis; **each quote should include an in-text citation that includes page numbers (or paragraph numbers for online sources, etc.).** (Then move on to the next citation for the next source, etc.)

A rough draft of your annotated bibliography is due Wed. Sept. 23 by 11:59pm via the appropriate forum on Sakai. This rough draft should be attached to your post as its own document. We will workshop this in class on Thurs. Sept. 24. The file name for this document should be “[Your last name]_2.1 Rough Draft.” This draft does not have to be entirely complete, but it should be as close to complete as possible for you to maximize the benefits from the workshop in class.

Step 4: Based on your workshop experience, revise your annotated bibliography into a second, separate, and final draft. This final draft of Feeder 2.1 is due for a grade on Mon. Sept. 28 by 11:59pm via the “Assignments” tab on Sakai. The file name for this document should be “[Your last name]_2.1 Final Draft.”

Successful annotated bibliographies will:

- Display considerable investment in the revision process.
- Clearly state the chosen site or location of study.
- Clearly state the intended research question.
- Include an appropriate selection of secondary sources, appropriately and accurately cited in APA format.
- Include an annotation accompanying each citation that completely and accurately answers all of the questions listed above.
- Include appropriate and useful quotations from each secondary source, accompanied by an in-text citation that is complete and accurate.
- Exhibit the student’s overall awareness of the critical conversation currently taking place around this topic.
- Note: Your final annotated bibliography does not need to (and should not) include your field notes from your preliminary observation. Those notes were intended to serve as a research tool, helping you to develop a research question so you could begin conducting secondary research. Those notes are the first portion of your primary research and should be helpful when you begin work on Feeder 2.2 and your

Unit Project. Although you should not include them in the final draft of your annotated bibliography, they will be helpful to reference moving forward.

Grading Rubric for Feeder 2.1: Annotated Bibliography

The final grade for Feeder 2.1, Annotated Bibliography, will be worth 5% of the student’s final course grade.

	10	7	4	1
Research Question	Research question is appropriately phrased, open-ended, has a debatable answer, and expands on prior knowledge, attempting to contribute to the scholarly discourse on this topic.	Research question poses an intriguing question with a debatable answer but does so in confusing or unclear language.	Research question makes more of an observation rather than a debatable claim or question.	Annotated bibliography lacks a guiding research question, or the research question is totally unintelligible.
Source 1	Annotation is complete, accurate, and appropriate.	Some information is lacking or inaccurate.	The response is cursory at best and does not provide enough information for the reader to understand.	Little to no response to the questions.
Source 2	Annotation is complete, accurate, and appropriate.	Some information is lacking or inaccurate.	The response is cursory at best and does not provide enough information for the reader to understand.	Little to no response to the questions.
Source 3 (and 4)	Annotation is complete, accurate, and appropriate.	Some information is lacking or inaccurate.	The response is cursory at best and does not provide enough information for	Little to no response to the questions.

			the reader to understand.	
Style	Annotations feature varied and sophisticated sentence structure and diction.	Annotations use some repetitive diction, overly simplistic language or sentence structures but mostly maintain a professional and objective tone.	Annotations occasionally lapse into overly casual, colloquial discourse or subjective claims. Writing appears erratic, and some sentences are hard to follow.	Major lapses into casual discourse or little attempt to maintain objectivity. Diction is highly repetitive, and syntax is confusing.
Citations	A coherent citation system (APA format) is used consistently throughout; citations are complete and formatted accurately.	A citation system is systematically used with some lapses in providing required bibliographical information.	It is very difficult to tell if a single citation style has been adopted throughout. Citations are erratic and/or incomplete.	No effort at citing sources accurately and consistently is made.
Grammar	Annotated bibliography is free from typographical errors as well as spelling and grammar mistakes.	A few surface errors but none so consistent that they obscure the student-author's meaning.	Repeated surface errors.	No sign of editing or revision.
Total: /70				

Feeder 2.2: Coded Field Notes (at least 1,600 words total)

Now that you have one narrow research question and a more thorough understanding of the ongoing conversation around the subject of your study, you will need to conduct at least two more on-site observations, each of which should be at least thirty minutes in duration. During these sessions, you will record expanded field notes, engage/participate more directly with your informants (people at your location), and ask questions of your informants. You will polish, **code**, and type your notes (creating them on a laptop/tablet may speed things

up) for your feeder assignment. **The notes for each individual observation should be at least 800 word, resulting in a total of a minimum of 1,600 words. (These are notes for two new observations; these do not include your notes from your preliminary observation, although you can feel free to reference back to that earlier observational experience if appropriate.)**

Note: I realize that it may be difficult or beyond your control for some of you to schedule or observe your chosen location. In a worst-case scenario, if you are unable to attend/observe your location twice, **one** of your observations can consist of an interview/observation conducted via phone, Skype, Zoom Meetings, or email, etc. with someone who regularly uses or visits your chosen site. Again, this is only permissible for one of your observations and only as a worst-case scenario solution. In such a case, provide a brief explanation for this recourse, followed by careful notes coded with your reactions, thoughts and feelings, and analysis, as indicated below. It's also best if you discuss this with me in advance.

Coding System:

- Description (what's happening): plain text
- Your thoughts and feelings (in response to what's happening): *italics*
- Analysis (tentative immediate conclusions about this location and the people visiting this location, usually based on the events and/or your thoughts and feelings): **bold**

For tips on best practices for ethical and effective interviews and observations, see the "Quick Guide to Interviews and Observations." It may also be helpful to revisit the handout on "Field Notes for Preliminary Observations." Both documents can be found at Sakai>Resources>Unit 2. In this feeder, each set of notes should begin with the location, date, and time of the observation.

When creating these expanded field notes, focus your attention to ideas concerning identity and [reflexivity](#). Here are some questions to keep in mind. You will not be able to answer all of these questions; instead, you will need to think about which questions best relate to your chosen subculture/site and research question.

Identity:

- What are some of the markers of identity here (such as symbols, clothes, body language, verbal language)? In other words, how do people here create or display "identity"?
- How do you know that these things mean "identity"? Is the meaning something you deduced or something stated explicitly?
- How relevant or important is identity in this setting?
- Are there political or power implications for identity at your site? Are there active stereotypes about or within the community or at this site?
- Is a group identity used to create borders between insiders and outsiders here? How is that shared identity marked? What is the purpose?
- How does the cultural or historical significance of this location relate to the way in which it is currently being used and/or the people using it (consider their behaviors and comments)?

- How does the initial design/construction/intent of this location relate to the way in which it is currently being used and/or the people using it (consider their behaviors and comments)?

Reflexive You (a shift to thinking about your own identity):

- How do you think you're perceived in this site? Is it different from how you want to be perceived? What do you do to create your desired perception?
- What sorts of comments or actions from the informants suggest the ways in which they have chosen to "see" you and grant you an identity?
- What processes have you had to go through (internal and external) to be a researcher and/or participant at the site?
- Are you an insider, outsider, or both? Explore this as fully as you can, and talk about how it feels to be an observer at the site, a participant at the site, or both.
- Are there social or political/power implications for you as a researcher at this site?
- What are the perceptions of you and your research by the community (people at your chosen site, etc.) you're working with? How do you feel about that?
- How do you feel as an observer at this site in reaction to this site's cultural/historical significance and/or its original design and/or intent?

The style of these expanded field notes will almost begin to form a kind of narrative or reflective essay on your experience. Remember to **code all of your notes** in the manner described above. **At the top of your field notes, please insert a brief reminder of your chosen location and state your current research question. This question might have changed based on the results of your observations, but your current research question will be a part of your grade for your coded field notes.**

Remember, for each observation, you should write a minimum of 800 words; you should conduct a minimum of two new observations, thus totaling to a minimum of 1,600 words.

A rough draft of your field notes is due Wed. Sept. 30 by 11:59pm via the appropriate Sakai forum for us to workshop in class on Thurs. Oct. 1. The file name for this document should be "[Your last name]_2.2 Rough Draft." This draft does not have to be entirely complete, but it should be as close to complete as possible for you to maximize the benefits from the workshop in class.

Based on your workshop experience, revise and complete your Feeder 2.2 in to a separate, final draft. This final draft of Feeder 2.2 is due for a grade on Mon. Oct. 5 by 11:59pm via the "Assignments" tab on Sakai. The file name for this document should be "[Your last name]_2.2 Final Draft."

Successful drafts will:

- Display considerable investment in the revision process.
- Clearly state the chosen site or location of study and the intended research question.
- Address some, or all, of the questions listed above.

- Include concrete and specific examples from observations including quotations, sensory details, (non)verbal cues, (non)visual cues, etc.
- Integrate the student-observer's thoughts and feelings into the observational experience.
- Integrate the student-observer's analysis into the observational experience.
- Shift from thinking strictly about the observed subculture to the student-observer's reflection on their own identity and place in relation to the observed subculture.
- Exhibit the student-observer's critical engagement with the chosen subculture in general and regarding their specific research question.

Grading Rubric for Feeder 2.2: Coded Field Notes

The final grade for Feeder 2.2, Coded Field Notes, will be worth 5% of the student's final course grade.

	10	7	4	1
Research Question	Research question is appropriately phrased, open-ended, has a debatable answer, and expands on prior knowledge, attempting to contribute to the scholarly discourse on this topic.	Research question poses an intriguing question with a debatable answer but does so in confusing or unclear language.	Research question makes more of an observation rather than a debatable claim or question.	Coded field notes are not accompanied by a guiding research question, or the research question is totally unintelligible.
Depicting Events	Field notes clearly explain or depict the events taking place in a well-organized and carefully depicted manner.	Field notes are lacking some detail or specificity. In a few instances, more detail or information is necessary for the reader to follow the events.	Field notes are significantly lacking in some way. Minimal or no detail is provided.	Field notes are cursory at best, lacking detail, disorganized, and/or confusing.

Thoughts and Feelings	Field notes effectively and appropriately integrate the student-observer's thoughts and feelings into the observational experience.	Some information is lacking or confusing.	The response is cursory at best and does not provide enough information for the reader to understand.	Little to no integration of student-observer's thoughts and feelings.
Analysis	Field notes effectively and appropriately integrate the student-observer's analysis into the observational experience.	Some information is lacking or confusing.	The response is cursory at best and does not provide enough information for the reader to understand.	Little to no integration of student-observer's analysis of the events taking place.
Paragraph Structure	Paragraphs contain an analytical topic sentence that makes one central claim or introduces one new narrative topic and then expands on that claim or topic. Each paragraph flows well.	Paragraphs are mostly well structured with a few slip-ups; some paragraphs either do not contain adequate flow, are missing a topic or ending sentence, or do not analyze their evidence or topic.	A few paragraphs attempt to do too much or do not advance one specific claim. Paragraphs do not contain logical flow of information.	Paragraphs are highly unorganized and very difficult to follow; paragraphs do not advance any claim or narrative topic at all.
Organization	Field notes are organized with a logical and explicit	Field notes are mostly well-organized, but	Field notes are very confusingly organized and do not reflect an	Field notes are organized so confusingly that it

	pattern. Coding is complete and accurate.	some paragraphs seem out of order or repetitive. Or some coding is lacking or inaccurate.	overall organizational pattern. Little to no coding of the Field Notes is attempted.	impedes the student-author's purpose.
Style	Field notes feature varied and sophisticated sentence structure and diction.	Field notes use some repetitive diction, overly simplistic language or sentence structures but mostly maintain a professional and objective tone.	Field notes occasionally lapse into overly casual, colloquial discourse or subjective claims. Writing appears erratic, and some sentences are hard to follow.	Major lapses into casual discourse or little attempt to maintain objectivity. Diction is highly repetitive, and syntax is confusing.
Grammar	Field notes are free from typographical errors as well as spelling and grammar mistakes.	A few surface errors but none so consistent that they obscure the student-observer's meaning.	Repeated surface errors.	No sign of editing or revision.
Total: /80				

Unit Project: Site Ethnography Presentation (4-5 minutes, approx. 800-1,000 words)

Now that you've become familiar with the ongoing scholarly conversation around your selected subculture and that you've conducted your own primary research in the field, it's time to present your findings. Synthesize the information from your two feeders into an ethnographic study of your selected subculture or cultural phenomenon, a study that you will present in the style of an academic conference paper via the course website on Wed. Oct. 14. You will also record yourself delivering this presentation and add that video to your initial post no later than Fri. Oct. 16.

Because our time is limited, we will be following the criteria of the "3-Minute Thesis" Competition (<http://gradprofdev.web.unc.edu/3-minute-thesis/>), although I've adjusted the parameters for the purposes of this assignment and this class, extending the presentation

time to be between four and five minutes. Each presentation should be no less than four and no more than five minutes long. Ideally, you should aim to conclude your presentation just before the five-minute-mark. This translates to about 2.67 to 3.33 double-spaced pages of text (approximately 800-1,000 words), although you should practice reading your presentation aloud with your own timer to adjust as necessary in advance. Your time will depend upon the specific content you present and the style of your writing and your delivery. We will discuss tips for oral communication in class, but for more information, see the UNC Writing Center's page on speeches: <http://writingcenter.unc.edu/tips-and-tools/speeches/>. I will also share a handout with you regarding tips for recording presentation videos, etc. (Sakai>Resources>Helpful Handouts and Resources).

This abbreviated format should allow you to practice your editing and condensing skills. All of the vital portions of your primary and secondary research should be included in your oral presentation. Every aspect of a traditional ethnographic paper (Preface, Background Information, Observational Data and Analysis, Conclusion, References) should be included, but make sure to ultimately prioritize your own primary research and your findings/conclusions.

Part of your grade will rely on your ability to effectively and appropriately present your findings in the context of an oral presentation. Your presentation should be between four and five minutes long. Because this assignment is designed to emulate a conference presentation, in which time is extremely limited, a presentation length that is more or less than this amount will result in a rapid reduction of points on your grade.

The grading parameters will be based on the time of your video presentation, from when you begin delivering your presentation until you finish speaking; your presentation must be between four and five minutes. (You will not be penalized for the empty time at the beginning and end of your video before you begin speaking and after you finish speaking.)

In addition, you have the option of incorporating 1-3 static images/text slides into your presentation (via PowerPoint, Google Slides, or some other similar platform). Please note that the 3-Minute Thesis Competition only allows for a single static slide to be incorporated into presentations, but I have adjusted those regulations for the purposes of this assignment. The inclusion of any images/slides is completely optional, and such slides/images should only be used if they provide useful visuals, graphics, or some other illustration that assists in the audience's comprehension of the speaker's points and to which the speaker directly refers during their presentation. No presentation handouts are allowed. If you wish to incorporate any slides or images into your presentation, please reach out to me for technical assistance in how to best integrate these images into the video of your presentation. (Any images, etc. incorporated into your presentation will have to be incorporated into the posted script of your presentation and cited appropriately in your References list at the end of your posted script.)

The first rough draft of your presentation script will be due by 11:59pm on Wed. Oct. 7 for us to workshop in class on Thurs. Oct. 8. The second rough draft of your presentation script will be due by 11:59pm on Mon. Oct. 12 for us to workshop in class on Tues. Oct. 13.

You should post the script of your presentation to the course website by 11:59pm on Wed. Oct. 14. You should then record a video of you delivering this presentation and post that video to the course website by 11:59pm on Fri. Oct. 16. Your video delivery should mimic the style of the presentation of a paper at an academic conference as though the viewers were the attendees at your presentation at said conference.

The final product posted to the course website will consist of the embedded video recording of your presentation followed by the script/transcript you will have already posted.

The posted script of your ethnographic study presentation will be divided into several sections, each of which should be clearly indicated with a section heading: Preface, Background Information, Observational Data and Analysis, Conclusion, and References. We will look at some sample ethnographic studies in class or for homework, but here is a basic summation of each section:

- **Preface**: Sets up your connection to or interest in a particular subculture or location and very briefly introduces the reader to that subculture or location. What prior connections to or interest in this topic did you have? What assumptions did you have? What did you expect to learn or confirm? **What is your research question?**
- **Background Information**: Integrates secondary source material to contextualize the topic of study both specifically and in a broader sense beyond the immediate UNC-Chapel Hill area. In other words, you should provide the background information on your selected subculture or cultural phenomenon so that the reader can better understand your topic. Specifically, try to use this background information to better contextualize the observational field notes in your next section. If you're discussing a Greek organization on campus, for instance, your scholarly sources might discuss Greek culture on large public universities. Another source might be the webpage for that chapter at UNC and provide background information on that particular chapter. Alternatively, you might examine the historical information regarding a particular dining area on campus and also discuss the anthropological significance of communal eating for human societies. Provide all relevant information to help your reader better understand this organization, population, site, or subject before you begin describing your observations and findings. (Ideally, Feeder 2.1 laid the groundwork for this section for you already.)
- **Observational Data and Analysis**: Use the notes from your preliminary observation and, especially, your expanded field notes from your two actual observations to walk your reader through your observational experience. You don't have to list every single moment or detail. Craft the events of your observation into a kind of narrative, describing events and analyzing them in a way that addresses the answer to your research question. (You have to walk a fine line here because you need to be truthful but at the same time concise. You can't just omit important aspects of your observation because it doesn't fit into your question. However, you can gloss over some details or sum them up quickly if they're not particularly relevant.) This section should provide details from observations, integrating sensory details, quotes, and other concrete examples to narrate and analyze your observational experience, **especially information relevant to your research question.**
- **Conclusion**: This section describes your new insights in reaction to your observation experience, **specifically answering your research question and touching on**

larger implications of your research: What conclusions do you draw personally from these observations and interactions, especially regarding your research question? Additionally, you should attempt to address some or all of the following questions: Were your initial assumptions confirmed or challenged? What new insights did you gain? What aspects of your observation surprised you? How did your original research question fail to address certain things you learned or observed? What would you like to know more about regarding this cultural phenomenon? If you had the chance, what other questions or observations would you conduct to learn more? (Although it's vital to be transparent about the limitations of your study, you are still expected to come up with some larger conclusion/take-away from your primary/secondary research; it's not sufficient to simply shrug and say that your research is inconclusive.)

- **References:** List all of your secondary sources (scholarly and otherwise) in a list titled "References" at the end of your paper. All citations should be in APA format. You won't read your References list during your presentation, but this list needs to be included in the transcript you post. This list should include any sources you cite in your script but should omit sources not cited or referenced in your script. (Remember to include in your script in-text citations or attributions to the sources you mention. You might not mention these aloud during your presentation, but your written script should include these. Your References list should also cite any images integrated into your presentation and/or script.
- You won't explicitly signal each of these shifts from section to section while delivering your conference presentation in your video, but the script/transcript you post should clearly indicate where each section ends/begins with something as simple as a section header.
- If there are visuals, charts, graphs, or other images, etc. that you plan to incorporate into your presentation via slides, you should also integrate these images into the script of your presentation for the benefit of any outside audiences. Please make sure that the inclusion of any such images are properly cited if they come from any outside sources.
 - See "How to Cite Images, Visuals, Data Visualizations, etc." (Sakai>Resources>Helpful Handouts and Resources) for how you should cite your Featured Image and any other images, etc. you include in your post or presentation.
- Remember that your presentation should have a descriptive title that engages an audience while also suggesting the overall content you'll be discussing.

Timeline for Unit Project:

Your first draft of your presentation script is due Wed. Oct. 7 by 11:59pm via the appropriate Sakai forum for us to workshop in class on Thurs. Oct. 8. The file name for this document should be "[Your last name]_UP2 Draft 1." This draft does not have to be entirely complete, but it should be as close to complete as possible for you to maximize the benefits from the workshop in class.

Based on your workshop experience, revise and complete your presentation script in to a separate, second draft. The second draft of your presentation script is due Mon. Oct. 12 by 11:59pm via the appropriate Sakai forum for us to workshop in class on

Tues. Oct. 13. The file name for this document should be “[Your last name]_UP2 Draft 2.” This draft should be a more complete draft, quite close to a finished, polished draft.

Based on your workshop experience, revise and complete your presentation script in to a separate, final draft. This final draft of your Unit Project script is due for a grade on **Wed. Oct. 14 by 11:59pm** via the course website. This means you will need to take your final draft Word document and copy and paste it as a post on our course website. This will take time, but the completed draft of your presentation script must be published online by 11:59pm, so you should start this process early. Your submissions are time-stamped, and once the deadline has passed, if you go back and revise, your script will be considered late.

Please remember that part of your grade will rely on your effective delivery of this presentation. This means you will need to complete your presentation script early enough to allow you adequate time to rehearse your final script prior to your recording of your presentation, which must be posted by 11:59pm on **Fri. Oct. 16.**

In class on **Thurs. Oct. 15**, we will discuss how to record and post the videos of your presentation to the course website. The recorded video of your presentation must be posted by 11:59pm on **Fri. Oct. 16.** For tips on recording your own presentation video, see “Oral Communication and Presentation – Best Practices” (Sakai>Resources>Helpful Handouts and Resources). For technical info on uploading a video online and/or embedding a video onto your post on the course website, see “Instructions for Posting to the Course Website” (Sakai>Resources>Course Website Resources”).

Although you should rehearse your presentation multiple times in advance and should be comfortable and familiar with your presentation script, **you are not expected to recite your presentation from memory.** You may read from your script in any format you wish. Remember, **if you wish to incorporate visuals into your presentation, please contact me in advance for technical assistance (and remember to cite them appropriately in your written script posted to the course website).**

When delivering your presentation, remember that your audience will not necessarily know the descriptive title of your presentation, so you may want to begin with something as simple as, “Hello. My name is [your name], and the title of my presentation is [your presentation title].”

There are many reasons I’m requiring you to provide a script of your presentation in advance. It will serve as a reference for me while grading, and it also makes your work accessible to those who cannot watch or hear the video of your actual presentation.

Technical Info:

For technical information on how to access and log into the course website; how to compose, edit, and publish a post; how to post a video to YouTube or Vimeo; or how to upload/embed a video, etc., see the document “Instructions for Posting to the Course Website” on Sakai at Resources>Course Website Resources.

You will post the script of your presentation first (due by 11:59pm, Wed. Oct. 14).

- Any images/slides you intend to show during your presentation should be embedded/inserted into your posted transcript and cited accordingly in your References list.
- Do not alter any settings for the blog or any other webpage or the site in general.
- Remember to set a Featured Image for your post and cite it appropriately.
 - See “How to Cite Images, Visuals, Data Visualizations, etc.” (Sakai>Resources>Helpful Handouts and Resources) for how you should cite your Featured Image and any other images, etc. you include in your post or presentation.
- Your post should conclude with an APA format References list. If those citations contain urls, activate those urls as hyperlinks for our website visitors.
 - Again, remember to cite any images, data visualizations, etc. that appear in your presentation and/or your written script.
- Add tags for your post.
- Categorize your post as “Social Sciences: Site Ethnography Presentations” for your section of ENGL 105.
- Remember to hit “Publish” near the top-right corner when you’re done. I also suggest viewing your post like any other online visitor to double-check one final time after you’ve published, just in case you need to go back and edit changes.
- Your post must be complete and accessible by the assignment deadline. The script is due by 11:59pm on Wed. Oct. 14.
- If you don’t want to share this post with anyone outside our classroom community, password-protect your post; if you only want to share your post with me, publish your post as “Private.”

Eventually, you will also video record yourself delivering your presentation (due by 11:59pm, Fri. Oct. 16).

- When you have your final video of you delivering your presentation, open it and watch it to make sure it plays.
- Upload this video online via [YouTube](#) or [Vimeo](#). (If you upload your presentation video to YouTube, make sure you edit the viewing permissions to make your video “unlisted” to avoid being blocked because of copyright issues but to still make it accessible to the class, to me, and to anyone else who has the link to your video.)
- The title of your uploaded video should be the descriptive title of your presentation.
- The caption or description of your video online should explain the context for your presentation video and should cite this class and the course website, complete with a hyperlink to the site and, ideally, your complete References list.
- Once the video is posted online, return to your UP2 post of your script on the course website and choose to edit the post. Then embed your video from YouTube or Vimeo into your UP2 post to accompany the script you should have already posted. Your embedded video should appear above your script, and this script will now serve as the transcript for the presentation video you just embedded into your post.
- Remember to hit “Update” near the top-right corner when you’re done. This will publish the changes you’ve made. I also suggest viewing your post like any other

online visitor to double-check one final time after you've updated, just in case you need to go back and edit changes. Make sure your embedded video plays correctly and your transcript appears correctly.

- Your post must be complete and accessible by the assignment deadline. The complete post (embedded video followed by transcript) is due by 11:59pm on Fri. Oct. 16.
- Again, if you don't want to share this post with anyone outside our classroom community, password-protect your post; if you only want to share your post with me, publish your post as "Private." (Another option is to keep your script public but password-protect your video through Vimeo when uploading.)

Successful presentations will display considerable investment in the revision process and will be well-rehearsed, poised, and delivered in a professional, articulated manner within the time frame of four to five minutes.

Grading Rubric for Unit Project 2: Site Ethnography Presentation

The final grade for UP2, Site Ethnography Presentation, will be worth 15% of the student's final course grade.

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Preface & Research Question	Preface signals the student's interest in a specific location, their prior expectations, assumptions, and goals, leading to a research question. This research question is appropriately phrased, open-ended, has a debatable answer, and expands on prior knowledge, attempting to contribute to the scholarly discourse on this topic.	Preface inadequately addresses student's prior goals or assumptions. Or the research question poses an intriguing question with a debatable answer but does so in confusing or unclear language.	Preface is severely lacking. Or the research question makes more of an observation rather than a debatable claim or question.	Presentation lacks either a preface and/or a guiding research question, or the research question is totally unintelligible.
Background Information	Sources are excellently paraphrased and summarized and are incorporated into the writing using signals or attributions.	Sources are mostly paraphrased and summarized well, as is the inclusion of	Summaries and paraphrases are confusing, awkward, and do not flow well with the	Sources are pulled in as lengthy direct quotes, and almost no effort is made to paraphrase

	Quotations of specific phrases, word choice, etc. are used when appropriate. Student skillfully integrates this material to contextualize their chosen subculture.	quotations. Student attempts to provide some context for their chosen subculture.	rest of the paragraph. Quotations are poorly integrated into the text and tend to be unnecessarily long with little comment/analysis. Sources do not adequately provide context for the chosen subculture.	or summarize them. Student does not provide enough information to understand the importance of this material to their study.
Observational Data & Analysis	Studently adeptly uses a combination of details from their observational experiences, integrating sensory details, quotes, and other concrete examples to narrate and analyze their observational experiences in a way that addresses their research question.	The narrative is lacking some detail or specificity. In a few instances, more information is necessary to support its claims. Or the analysis of this narrative is lacking.	The narrative is significantly lacking in some way. Minimal or no detail is provided and/or minimal or no analysis is attempted.	Narrative contains almost no clear information or attempt at analysis, and/or the narrative is disorganized and confusing.
Paragraph Structure	Paragraphs contain an analytical topic sentence that makes one central claim or introduces one new narrative topic and then expands on that claim or topic. Each paragraph flows well.	Paragraphs are mostly well structured with a few slip-ups; some paragraphs either do not contain adequate flow, are missing a topic or ending sentence, or do not analyze	A few paragraphs attempt to do too much or do not advance one specific claim or topic. Paragraphs do not contain logical flow of information.	Paragraphs are highly unorganized and very difficult to follow; paragraphs do not advance any claim or narrative topic at all.

		their evidence or topic.		
Organization	Presentation is organized with a logical and explicit pattern marked by section headings.	Presentation is mostly well-organized, but some paragraphs seem out of order or repetitive, or some section headings are missing.	Presentation is very confusingly organized and does not reflect an overall organizational pattern.	Presentation is organized so confusingly that it impedes the student's purpose.
Style	Presentation features varied and sophisticated sentence structure and diction. Any visuals included are integrated appropriately.	Presentation uses some repetitive diction, simplistic language or sentence structures but mostly maintains a professional and objective tone.	Presentation occasionally lapses into casual, colloquial discourse or subjective claims. Writing appears erratic, and some sentences are hard to follow.	Major lapses into casual discourse or little attempt to maintain objectivity. Diction is highly repetitive, and syntax is confusing.
Conclusion	Student explicitly answers their research question by using their observations and analysis to draw an overall conclusion that also gestures towards larger implications.	Student makes some effort to answer their research question and articulate the wider implications of their findings.	Student provides very cursory concluding statements that do not appear explicitly related to their research question.	No conclusions or incomprehensible conclusions are offered.
Citations	A coherent citation system (APA format) is used consistently throughout; References list is complete and formatted accurately.	A citation system is systematically used with some lapses in providing required	It is very difficult to tell if a single citation style has been adopted throughout.	No effort at citing sources accurately and consistently is made.

	Any visuals included are cited when necessary.	bibliographical information; References list does not include all sources cited in body of text.	References list is erratic and/or incomplete.	
Grammar	Presentation script is free from typographical errors as well as spelling and grammar mistakes.	A few surface errors but none so consistent that they obscure the writer's meaning.	Repeated surface errors.	No sign of editing or revision.
Presentation Delivery	Presentation is well-rehearsed, poised, and delivered in a professional, articulated manner within the time frame of four to five minutes. Presenter varies their tone and speed, maintains eye contact, and is engaging and confident. Any optional visuals or slides contain content that is appropriate, useful, and directly referenced in the presentation.	Presentation is well-rehearsed and mostly poised. Presenter occasionally spends too much time looking down or speaking too quickly/quietly. Minor issues with visuals and/or duration of presentation.	Presentation does not feel adequately prepared. Presenter fails to maintain eye contact or appropriate speed or volume. Major issues with visuals and/or duration of presentation.	No sign that the presenter has rehearsed the presentation.
Total:	/100			