

Feedback from Faculty

Faculty members take various approaches to giving feedback. Sometimes, they simply assign a paper that is due on a certain day. It is then up to the students who desire feedback to contact the faculty member for an appointment.

Other professors will take a manuscript and correct every possible error. And other faculty members give the student more general advice.

Suggestion for Success

If you are not satisfied with the type of feedback your professor gives to you, take the initiative to set up a conference with her/him. When scheduling the conference, take the tone that you have questions about the advice you had received. Don't tell the professor that she wasn't doing her job or that his advice "sucked."

Assignment

Submit a copy of your research paper to me using this worksheet as the "cover page."

With your paper, you must also include a completed copy of the Core Skills Writing Rubric which you completed concerning your own paper. You may get a copy of the rubric at:

- Core Skills Writing Rubric
<http://writing.stevenberg.info/tutorials/core/index.html>

You should also include a sheet in which you have typed out your answers to the following questions.

1. What is the thesis of your paper? (e.g. What is your main point or argument?)
2. What is the strongest section(s) of your paper? Explain.
3. What part of the paper is the most in need of improvement? Explain.
4. What questions do you have for me concerning the steps to take to improve your paper?



Please note, I come from the school of thought that we never finish a manuscript. We just pick a point to stop writing. Therefore, if you take the position that there is no room for improvement in your manuscript, I will know that you are ignorant about the writing/research/revision process.

