**Research Paper Outline Instructions**

For this assignment, your task is to find a topic introduced in your textbook for which you would like to do in-depth research throughout the course; you will submit your topic for approval by 11:59 p.m. (ET) on Monday of Module/Week 2. You will then prepare a 1–2-page outline using the standard outline format (shown below) that could be used to present at a business meeting.

At the end of your outline you must include a complete reference list properly formatted according to current APA format. You must use at least 5 scholarlysources to support the points you make in your outline. Do not limit all of your research to the Internet. There are still many books, journals, and other printed sources that you should consider. Strive for a well-rounded representation of references.

See below for clarification on appropriate sources for this assignment.

The Research Paper Outlineis due by 11:59 p.m. (ET) on MondayofModule/Week 4.

**Outline Requirements:**

* The outline must be your original work and written solely for this course.
* Complete sentences must be used for all points of the outline.
* The sample outline available below mustbe referred to for proper formatting.
* Times New Romanis the only acceptable font.
* Any information paraphrased or directly quoted from a source, whether a statement or idea, must be followed with a complete and properly formatted in-text citation (according to current APA format) within the body of the outline. This is so that you can know what information comes from what sources. You must add details and examples from each source.
* Reference Section
* Double-space between references; single-space within references.
* Follow APA guidelines.
* A minimum of 5 different sources must be used.
	+ All sources must be full-text, peer-reviewed articles and must be from within the past 7 years.
	+ You may also use your course textbook as 1source; no other textbooks, including e-books, may be used.
	+ Resources may be found in the International section of any reputable website that focuses on international business, such as The Wall Street Journal, Financial Times, or The Economist.Websites like About.com, Britanica.com, Wikipedia, etc. do not constitute as scholarly academic articles and references.

**Example of Standard Outline**

With a standard outline format, you should always begin with Roman numerals, followed by capital letters, numbers, and lower case letters. You should always have more than 1main point, meaning there must be (at least) a roman numeral I and a roman numeral II; in other words, you cannotjust have a roman numeral I.Also, if you have 1sub point (like “A”), you must have at least 1other sub point (which would be “B”). The same applies to sub-sub points (“1”) and sub-sub-sub points (“a”), etc…See below for clarification:

Title of Presentation

# First main point

## First sub-point

## Second sub-point

### First sub-sub- point

### Second sub-sub- point

#### First sub-sub-sub point

#### Second sub-sub-sub point

# Second main point

## First sub-point

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## Third sub-point

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## First sub-point

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References