



**Topic:**

**Nature of the work required:**

(Research tasks as determined by external supervisor; **please fill in specifics below.**)

**Nature of the end-of-semester paper:**

A 6 to 8 page (double-spaced) paper in the format of an empirical journal article or review paper, written in APA style. Detailed requirements and formatting guidelines are provided separately by Dr. Denny. The specific topic will be decided by the student and the external supervisor, but must be related in some way to the research project the student was involved with during the semester. **The paper is due via Canvas no later than 5 pm on the last day of classes for the semester (based on the Rice academic calendar).** Late papers will not be accepted. If Dr. Denny does not receive the paper prior to the specified deadline the student will be given an F for the paper component of their grade. A copy of the paper is also due to the external advisor, though an earlier due date may be arranged by the TMC faculty member depending on her or his schedule.

**Basis of the student's grade:**

The student's grade will be determined by the student's lab performance in addition to a final paper. At the end of the semester, the external advisor must send an email to Dr. Denny ([bryan.denny@rice.edu](mailto:bryan.denny@rice.edu)) with 1) a recommended letter grade for the student's paper and 2) the recommended letter grade for the student's lab work throughout the semester, based on performance of the tasks specified in this contract. Please include a few sentences to detail the lab performance grade rationale. **These grade recommendations must be received from the external supervisor by Dr. Denny (via email: [bryan.denny@rice.edu](mailto:bryan.denny@rice.edu)) no later than 5 pm on the first day of final exams for the semester (based on the Rice academic calendar).** If Dr. Denny does not receive the grade recommendations from the external supervisor by that date she will submit a grade of "other" (OT) to the registrar. Dr. Denny will use the grade recommendations, in addition to her own assessment of the student's final paper, when calculating the final grade. Lab participation and performance will account for 2/3 of the final grade and the paper will count for 1/3 of the overall final grade.

**How often will the student meet with the external faculty supervisor?** \_\_\_\_\_

**How many hours per week are required by the external faculty member (including weekly meetings)?** \_\_\_\_\_

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Signature of Student

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Signature of TMC Supervisor