The final is a research paper. Paper must include the following:

- APA style: (refer to examples and links in Canvas for this course)
  - Cover page, reference page, parenthetical references (references within text)
  - Time New Roman, 12pt. font, double spaced, typed (see syllabus for further info.)
  - 6-8 pages total (excluding cover page and reference page)
- Must Contain at least 6 professional references/sources (excluding videos and the textbook for this class)

I. Select a substance or behavioral addiction that was covered in this class, or a “class of drugs” (see below for examples)
- gambling, compulsive eating, alcohol, cocaine, hallucinogens, heroin, marijuana, methamphetamine, nicotine, MDMA (Ecstasy/Molly), opioids, steroids, gambling, prescription drugs (which can be opioids—fentanyl, hydrocodone, oxycodone, etc. or prescription stimulants—amphetamines), etc.

II. Select a group or population in the U.S. (see below for examples)
- Teenagers, Latinos, Latino males, TAY (Transition age youth 16-24), males, males in the criminal justice system, youth in the criminal justice system, Italians, Pregnant women, homeless population, Asians, Asian Pacific Islanders, Native Americans, LGBTQ community, college students, mentally disabled, etc.

III. Comprehensive Paper:
- Provide information about the substance: what class of drug is it? Identify the physiological effects—both desired and side effects, include neurochemical (brain) effects?
- Identify statistics of use/abuse
- Provide historical background
- Identify current treatment and interventions
- What is being done to address this problem? (think socially, locally, nationally)
- What would you do (assume that you were asked) to publicly address the problems for this substance/behavioral addiction and why?
- Explain why you chose this population and your overall thoughts/impressions about the information you gathered?