MUS 105—Introduction to Rock
Term Paper Guidelines

Throughout this course, we will be discussing many topics related to Rock Music and Society. Topics will include basic music history of Rock, history of the world that impacted the development of Rock in modern society, and society itself. Topics will range from what we may consider the “norm” to more controversial.

During the first weeks of class, you should choose a topic that will be discussed or is relevant to this course. Please submit in writing, either on paper or via email, a proposal for your topic during the first weeks of class. Topics must be approved by April 15th.

Topics should be musical in nature as that is the main focus of this course. However, the effects of social change and the world as a whole on music are extremely relevant as a topic.

After your topic has been approved, you will participate in a three-step process to prepare your final term paper.

1. Term Paper Outline (Due April 22nd)

Your term paper outline should be just that, an outline. It should address the major points and organization of your planned term paper. In addition, it should also include a reference list. Your reference list should include AT LEAST 5 sources with a minimum of the following:
   a. Encyclopedia
   b. Internet Website
      *Wikipedia* will NOT count as an encyclopedia or internet site source for this assignment.
   c. Magazine OR Newspaper (may be as simple as a CD or Record review)
   d. 2 Books

Please be sure that you list references correctly in your Bibliography/Works Cited. Either format is acceptable.

2. Term Paper Draft (Due May 11th)

Your draft should be exactly this, a draft of your paper. This is an opportunity to receive feedback about the work you are doing on your topic prior to completing the final paper. Your draft should be double-spaced, type-written with a standard font, such as Times New Roman, Arial, Century, Palatino, with a font size between 10 and 12.

3. Final Term Paper (Due June 3rd—Please note that as this is the final regular meeting for this course, final term papers WILL NOT be accepted late.)

Final term papers should adhere to the following formatting and length requirement.
   a. 3-5 pages (this does include the bibliography/works cited)
   b. Typed
   c. Standard Font (as addressed in the outline)
   d. Double-Spaced
   e. Must include a bibliography or works cited

**Academic Honesty & Integrity:** As stated in your syllabus, it is expected that you will turn in original work for each assignment. Academic dishonesty (plagiarism) will not be tolerated on this assignment. Students that are discovered to have plagiarized any portion of the assignment will receive a Zero for all parts of the Term Paper Project. In addition, a report of plagiarism may result in further disciplinary action by Linn-Benton Community College Administration.