

Chaffey College  
English 1B: Advanced Composition and Critical Thinking  
Paper #3: Portfolio Paper (policy, value, and fact claims)

- The Portfolio Paper (30% of the course grade) calls for students to write a research paper based on their work in the previous two papers. The Portfolio Paper is a grand finale—Policy claim, at least two value claims, and at least two fact claims all rolled into one MLA-style package.
- The Portfolio Paper should be approximately 3500 words (14 pages or so) in length, and must be double-spaced and word-processed. MLA documentation style is the norm. As with the previous papers, please submit a description of the audience with the paper.
- A Portfolio claim promotes a reasoned course of action to a specific audience using both value and fact claims as components of the argument; thus, adequately to respond to this assignment students should include at least two value claims and at least two fact claims in support of their portfolio's policy.
- Library-based information remains central. As before, choose sources wisely: Make sure they are credible, relevant, authoritative, and recent.
- Further, in this paper, consequences are critical—If the course of action being promoted is undertaken, what short- and long-term consequences may arise? Explore benefits and detriments of the action you propose.
- Like the Value Claim, Portfolio papers will be evaluated on the quality of thesis and supporting argument; on proper MLA-style integration of relevant, sufficient, and reliable support; and on the quality of written expression, including format, style, mechanics, and grammar.
- **Materials on the Moodle site as well as textbook readings are central to success on this assignment.**