Option 1 – original research proposal. Write a brief (roughly 500 words or up to 2 pages) proposal for a research project that draws upon some aspect of the course, and ideally, your own research interests. Your proposal should include at least the following:

- a (short) summary of relevant background research.
- a clear and concise statement of the problem / question. If relevant, include a statement of a testable hypothesis.
- a proposal for an experiment or other activity that will address the problem / question. If you posed a hypothesis, state the outcome that would support your hypothesis.

Be sure to include a few sentences on methodological considerations – what articulatory methods would you use, and why? You may also include figures or drawings where you feel that they would help.

Option 2 – critical reading summary. Read and write a critical summary of a recommended reading that is not a conference proceeding or a literature review from the syllabus. You may draw / create figures or copy / paste figures from the papers as you need to make your points. Your summary should address the following.

- What are the authors trying to accomplish, and why are these goals worth pursuing?
- What are the hypotheses put forth in the paper, and what did the authors expect to find? Were these hypotheses reasonable, in light of the background literature included in the paper?
- What methods were used, and were they appropriate for addressing the hypotheses? Here, you may comment on both the articulatory methods and the experimental methods.
- What were the results of the experiment?
- How did the authors interpret their results? Did they support the stated hypotheses? Do you agree or disagree with the authors’ conclusions, given their results?

Please try to engage with the reading under the assumption that the data are valid. Do point out flaws that you feel exist in the experimental design, but try to look past those flaws in evaluating the worth of the research.