

## Possible Topics for Research

**Purpose:** Use this list of possible topics to help you in selecting a research topic. The possible topics are organized by several areas of study. You might begin by examining the list of topics beneath an area of interest to you or by your area of study or degree program.

Fields of Study (click each to visit the list of possible topics)

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### **Business/Finance**

Government bailouts of large financial institutions  
Reasons for Outsourcing Staffing  
White Collar Crime  
Glass Ceiling  
e-business  
Cybersecurity  
Business ethics  
Accounting forensics  
The Starbucks Effect  
The housing market crash (Real Estate Studies)  
Dating in the Workplace (Human Resources)  
Imports from China  
Competitive intelligence  
Consumer risk  
Mandatory drug testing  
Econometrics  
Employment equity  
Employee benefit planning  
Mortgage crisis  
Organizational Leadership Strategies  
Downsizing  
Wage gap  
Wage cap

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## **Communications**

Online news outlets  
Media bias  
Nonverbal communication  
Gender communication  
Censorship  
Marketing ethics  
e-Marketing  
Political Correctness  
Stereotypes  
Copyright Law  
Minorities in Mass Media  
Banning of advertisements  
Plagiarism in Media

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## **Criminal Justice**

Government surveillance of U.S. citizens  
Airport security  
Al Qaida  
Arming pilots  
Homeland Security  
Capital Punishment  
Patriot Act  
Three Strikes Law  
Legal Drinking Age  
Legalizing Marijuana  
Police brutality  
Military  
Privacy  
Juvenile offenders

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## **Education**

School lunches  
School uniforms  
Funding for arts/music education in schools  
Education Reform  
No Child Left Behind  
Standardized Tests  
State educational standards (Common Core)  
Charter Schools  
College Admission Policies  
Non-profit vs. For-profit education  
Home schooling  
Prayer in school  
Sex Education  
School vouchers

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Grade inflation  
Intelligence tests  
Athletes in high school  
Pledge of Allegiance  
European education vs. U.S. education  
Internet and children  
Ability grouping  
Adaptive physical education  
Boarding schools  
Class sizes  
Classroom management  
Funding for schools  
Merit pay for teachers  
Information literacy  
Outcomes based education  
Retention policies  
Collaborative learning  
Blended learning  
Mainstreaming  
Computer aided instruction  
Early childhood education  
Distance learning high schools  
Cyberbullying  
Moral values education

**Environment/Science**

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Acid rain  
Alternative fuel/hybrid vehicles  
Conservation  
Nanotechnology  
Genetic engineering  
Endangered species  
Energy  
Intelligent databases  
Global warming  
Geology  
Cloning  
Greenhouse effect  
Landfills  
Marine pollution  
DNA  
Nuclear energy  
Oil spills  
Ecosystems  
Ecotourism

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Pesticides  
Population control  
Radioactive waste disposal  
Recycling  
Animal testing  
Genetic engineering of food & crops  
Smog  
Human brain development  
Soil pollution  
Wildlife conservation

**Health Care**

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Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act  
Electronic health records  
Addictions in health professionals  
Alternative medicine  
Overprescribing of medication  
Acupuncture  
Abuse in nursing homes  
Prison health care  
Health care for non-English speaking patients  
MRSA infection  
Nightingale Pledge  
Meditation  
Crew resource management  
Herbal medicine  
Prayer & healing  
Eastern medicine  
Ethics vs. the law  
Evidence-based practice  
Exercise  
Feng shui  
Tonic of laughter  
Fitness programs  
Malpractice suits  
Organ sale  
Prescription medicines  
Vaccines  
Medicaid/Medicare reform

**Liberal Arts/Fine Arts**

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Design/media art  
Modern art  
Art history  
Typography

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Form and color  
Interactivity in art  
Shakespeare  
Modern literature  
British literature  
Critical theory (such as feminism in literature)  
Cultural literature  
Film adaptation  
Family relations  
Ancestry  
Race relations  
Languages  
Historical and contemporary cultures  
Abnormal human behavior

**Political Science**

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Felons and voting  
Immigration  
Partisan politics  
Budget deficit  
Electoral college  
Impeachment  
International relations  
Social security reform  
Taxes  
Third parties  
Genocide  
Medicaid/Medicare reform  
Election reform  
Same-sex marriage  
EU Constitution  
Suicide Terrorism  
Civic engagement  
Trade policy  
Political parties  
Political figures  
Public policy

**Psychology**

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Child abuse  
Criminal psychology  
Depression  
Dreams  
Intelligence tests



**Psychology cont.**

Learning disabilities

Memory

Physical attraction

Schizophrenia

Forensic psychology

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**Social Sciences**

Internet addiction

Interracial adoptions

Homelessness

Gun control

Computer crime

Digital divide

Gender stereotypes in film

Gender neutral language

Organ donation

Puppy mills

Prisons

Religious symbols in public places

Rituals

Fetal rights

Equal rights for employment

Legalization of marijuana

Nepotism

Free speech on the Internet

Tattoos

Utopia

Violence in sports

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