

Independent Study: Photography Essay Brief: Due (see syllabus)

This is a two part essay. The first part is the Project Concept and the second part is your Artist Statement.

Project Concept

A final project concept is very similar to the initial proposal except it will provide answers to many of the questions asked. It should be presented in four sections:

Research Question (or outcome, ongoing investigation).

Aim of the Research (your initial questions answered)

Artist and Researchers (who else are doing something similar and what have you learned from them? How did their projects or research inform your project and research?).

Methodology and Impact (How did you go about answering your initial questions and what impact will your project have on your audience? Think about public opinion or government stances. How do you hope your project will be received?)

When writing, make the text as organic as possible. Do not refer to your initial proposal specifically. e.g. Do not write, "In my proposal, I asked..." Instead, write, "Prior to this project, my initial questions were..."

Artist Statement

An artist statement is biographical but is not a biography. The purpose of an artist statement is to describe your overall artistic practice. It does not necessarily have to be focused around photography but should encompass all the different media used.

An artist statement should be written in third-person and the artist should be referred to by their surname, not their first. It should answer the following questions: **Who are you? What do you do? How do you do it? What have you accomplished?**