

# Final paper notes

**Due Friday, April 21;** individual, roughly 10 pages (not counting an appendix, in case you want to include more supporting data that you can reference)

Here is a rubric for how I will read and grade your papers:

- **Organization (5 pts):**

The paper has a clear overall structure. The aims of the paper are explicitly stated. The key points/findings are highlighted and logically arranged. The paper uses appropriate section headings and paragraphs are well organized.

- **Content/development (15 pts):**

Claims are clearly stated and evidence is used to support the claims. Negative data is used appropriately. Alternative generalizations or descriptions are considered and evidence is presented to argue against them.

- **Expression (5 pts):**

Information and ideas are clearly articulated throughout the paper. The presentation is appropriate for the audience. (One note on the audience: Your audience is not me. Think of your reader as intelligent but ignorant. Imagine a fellow linguistics student who did not take this class; you're telling them about one interesting aspect of Kristang.)

- **Mechanics (5 pts):**

The paper has no significant errors in grammar, punctuation, or spelling. Examples are formatted appropriately. If external references were used, they are cited appropriately.

**Total:** 30 points (= 30% of the class grade)

**For next week (Assignment 4):** Submit a short document (roughly 2 pages?) with some notes on (a) some interesting aspects of Kristang that you've learned so far this term and (b) an idea or two for your final paper. You do not need to write this up as a paper. Some notes under bullet points with some examples (where relevant) is sufficient.