The final project is probably going to be based on the experimental design you handed in last week (and that you should be getting back this week). The actual final project, which is due at the end of the semester, will be a 10–15 page write-up of an experiment you at least piloted (you do not need to run enough subjects to reach statistical significance—if you do one or two, that’s fine).

As for the **10-15 page** part, the important part is that you say what needs saying, and that you take an appropriate amount of space to say it. I’m trying to give you an idea of the scale, but as for whether it has 1-inch margins or 2-inch margins, 10 point font or 36 point font, single spaced or triple spaced, it doesn’t matter much. Let me say this: I anticipate something that would have the content of about 10 pages if it were 12-point, 1.25 inch margins, 1.5-spaced. How you actually format it is up to you. And the most important thing is: **Say what needs saying about the project.**

As for the **proposal**, the thing that is due next week (March 29), the format is basically the same as for the experimental design. Same rules apply. I will give you comments on your experimental design about what you should add/change/consider for the project proposal. If you want to go in a different direction, that’s also fine, just talk to me about it.

**Details:**
- The project proposal should be 3–5 single-spaced pages long. Or so.
- You should address the following points:
  - What is the issue in language acquisition you are investigating?
  - What are the different hypotheses? **Note:** The competing hypotheses need to be at least *a priori* plausible; *People can’t learn German* is not a good hypothesis to try to disprove.
  - What sort of data from acquisition could decide between the hypotheses? How would this data show that one hypothesis is right and the other is wrong?
  - What is the approach you plan to use to get such data? Who would be your subjects? What kind of task would they perform? How can you be sure the data you get back is actually reflecting the kind of competence you are trying to test?