**ULAB 2122 Advanced Academic English Skills**

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**Outline for Argumentative Paper**

**INTRODUCTION #1 (Paragraph 1)**

PURPOSE: To set up and state one’s claim

* Get the reader’s attention(*a ‘hook’: startling statistic/fact, an anecdote, famous quote, rhetorical question*)

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* Describe the current situation that relates to the issue

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* Introduce your claim (argument) – your stance

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**INTRODUCTION #2 @ BACKGROUND (Paragraph 2)**

PURPOSE: Lays the foundation for proving your argument.

* Relate your claim with other relevant works that discussed about the issue/claim

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* State the thesis (What you are going to write)

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**SUPPORTING EVIDENCE #1 (Paragraph 3)**

PURPOSE: To prove your argument.

* First reason (for making that claim)

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* State evidence (put citation: statistics/statement)

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* Explain evidence (how the evidence prove or support your reason)

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**SUPPORTING EVIDENCE #2 (Fourth paragraph)**

PURPOSE: To prove your argument.

* Second reason (for making that claim)

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* State evidence (put citation: statistics/statement)

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* Explain evidence (how the evidence prove or support your reason)

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**SUPPORTING EVIDENCE #3 (Paragraph 4)**

PURPOSE: To prove your argument.

* Third reason (for making that claim)

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* State evidence (put citation: statistics/statement)

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* Explain evidence (how the evidence prove or support your reason)

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**COUNTERARGUMENT 1 (Paragraph 6)**

PURPOSE: To anticipate your reader’s objections

* State one argument that is against your argument or claim

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* Refute the argument above

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**COUNTERARGUMENT 2 (Paragraph 7)**

PURPOSE: To anticipate your reader’s objections

* State another argument that is against your argument or claim

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* Refute the argument above

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**CONCLUSION: SUM UP & “SO WHAT” PARAGRAPH (Paragraph 8)**

PURPOSE: Remind readers of your argument and supporting evidence

* Restates your paper’s overall claim and reasons for making that claim

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\*Citation (statistics/statements) – *if applicable*

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* Tell your readers why is it important to think about your claim

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* End with a question or powerful statement that could make your readers think.

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