

Research checkpoint

Editable template / reuse for both milestones

Name: [your name]

Topic: [letter and title]

Checkpoint: [foundation, November 11 / investigation, November 23]

Foundation: about one page plus a result. Investigation: 1–2 pages. Replace the prompts; reuse equations or figures intended for the final report.

Approved question and current scope

State the question and whether the scope has changed since approval.

Substantive result

Show one calculation, figure, argument, or counterexample. State exactly what it establishes; do not substitute a progress percentage.

Independent check

Show or explain the check, its outcome, and remaining uncertainty. Identify assumptions, units, numerical precision, or conditioning issues where relevant.

Obstacle and revision

What is the main unresolved issue? What has feedback changed? Request a specific scope adjustment if needed.

Next concrete task and completion test

What will you do next, and how will you know it worked? Relate it to the stopping rule.

Significant sources or tool assistance since the proposal: [brief note, including how important outputs were checked].

Written checkpoints are due by 11:59 PM, New York time on their listed date through Brightspace.