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## Undergraduate Topics

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Overwhelmed by the idea of choosing a topic for your speech or paper? Here are some topics often used for undergraduate research. Each topic is fairly broad, so try to narrow it a bit. For example, instead of “adoption” as a topic, you might research adoption of special needs children, or argue for or against adoption by same sex couples. Need help? Ask a librarian!

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Abortion	Clothing and dress (costume)
Adoption	College athletics (Title IX)
Advertising	Color—psychology
Affirmative action	Compensation of executives
African Americans/civil rights	Computers (economic aspects, social aspects)
Agribusiness	Cosmetic surgery
AIDS	Creationism
Alcohol and youth	Criminal psychology
Alzheimer’s disease	Cryonics
Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA)	Cults
Animal communication	Day care centers
Animal experimentation	Death
Animal rights movement	Digital divide
Artificial intelligence	Discrimination in education
Artificial sweeteners	DNA evidence
Athletes, nutrition	Dreams
Athletic shoes	Drug legalization
Automobiles (models, history, fuel efficiency)	Drug testing (athletes, employees)
Aviation safety	Drugs/drug abuse (methamphetamines, etc.)
Baseball	Drunk driving
Birth control/contraceptives/abstinence	Dyslexia
Birth order	Eating disorders (anorexia, bulimia)
Body image (ideal)	Education (elementary, secondary, etc)
Brain—physiology	Endangered species
Budget deficits—United States	Ethics (medical, professional)
Cancer (type, research, treatment)	Euthanasia
Capital punishment (death penalty)	Evolution
Censorship	Farms and farmers
Challenger or Columbia shuttle accidents	Fashion—History
Chemical warfare	Feminism—History
Child abuse	Flag burning
Child rearing	Fraternities and sororities
Children of divorced parents	Gangs
CIA (Central Intelligence Agency)	Genetic engineering
Civil rights movement	Genetics—Research
Cloning	Global warming

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Gun control  
 Heart Mountain Relocation Center  
 Heredity, human  
 Holocaust, Jewish  
 Homeless  
 Homosexuality  
 Human reproductive technology  
 Hypnosis—Therapeutic use  
 Immigration and emigration  
 Indians, Treatment of  
 Industrial productivity (Japan, China, US, etc)  
 Insanity defense  
 Insider trading  
 Intelligence  
 Iraq  
 Islam  
 Japanese-Americans—Detention Camps  
 Jazz  
 Journalism  
 Juvenile Delinquency  
 Korean War, 1950-1953  
 Lighting, Architectural and Decorative  
 Malpractice  
 Marijuana  
 Marriage  
 Mass media  
 Memory  
 Midwifery  
 Minimum wage  
 Missing children—U.S.  
 Muscle strength  
 Music therapy  
 Music—acoustics and physics  
 Music—history and criticism  
 Narcotics—law & legislation  
 NASA  
 National Parks and Reserves—U.S.  
 Nature and nurture  
 Nuclear energy  
 Nuclear winter  
 Occultism  
 Oil and gas development  
 Oil spills  
 Olympics  
 Organized crime  
 Parent-child relationship  
 Pit bull terriers  
 Political parties—U.S.  
 Pollution  
 Pornography  
 Poverty  
 Presidents—U.S.—Election  
 Prisons/Prisoners  
 Property rights  
 Prostitution  
 Psychology  
 Psychopharmacology  
 Race discrimination  
 Radioactive waste disposal  
 Rain forests  
 Rangeland management  
 Rape  
 Reality TV  
 Recycling (waste)  
 Reducing diets  
 Reinventing yourself  
 Religion in public schools  
 Rock music—history & criticism  
 Same sex marriage  
 Satanism  
 Seat belts  
 Sex discrimination  
 Sex role  
 Sleep  
 Smoking  
 Social mobility  
 Solar heating  
 Soundproofing  
 Space exploration (funding, privatization)  
 Sports—psychological aspects  
 Steroids  
 Stress  
 Success  
 Suicide  
 Sustainable agriculture  
 Teachers  
 Teenage pregnancy  
 Television (all aspects)  
 Terrorism  
 Trials (witchcraft)—Salem, MA  
 U.S.—foreign relations—20<sup>th</sup> century  
 U.S.—history  
 Venezuela  
 Video games (popularity, as educational tools)  
 Vietnamese conflict—1961-1975  
 Water, underground—pollution  
 Weight lifting—equipment  
 White supremacy movements—U.S.  
 Wildlife conservation  
 Witchcraft  
 Women—employment  
 Women in politics—U.S.  
 Working mothers  
 World Bank  
 World War II  
 Yellowstone (snowmobiles or wolves)