

APPENDIX F
Research Essay Grading Rubric

ABSTRACT

Excellent Satisf. Needs work

1. Clarifies why this research is important.
2. Summarizes methods.
3. Summarizes major findings/results.
4. Includes implications/conclusions of research study.
5. Uses an efficient and clear style, free of grammatical errors.

Points Possible: 10 Points Received: _____

INTRODUCTION

Excellent Satisf. Needs work

1. Clearly identifies why research is important.
2. Effectively summarizes previous scholarly research with correct citations.
3. Effectively identifies a “gap” in previous scholarly research.
4. Explains how the current study will fill this “gap.”
5. Provides any background information the reader needs.
6. Clearly lists the research questions, goals, and/or purposes.
7. Uses an efficient and clear style, free of grammatical errors.

Points Possible: 15 Points Received: _____

METHODS

Excellent Satisf. Needs work

1. Efficiently describes who participated.
2. Efficiently describes what was measured/collected.
3. Efficiently describes how the measurements were analyzed.
4. Uses effective chunking so methods are easy to skim.
5. Uses an efficient and clear style, free of grammatical errors.

Points Possible: 10 Points Received: _____

RESULTS

Excellent Satisf. Needs work

1. Clearly and accurately explains major data trends.
2. Secondary trends and/or concessions are clearly explained.
3. Transitions and subordinators effectively show relationships among ideas.
4. Effectively presents Tables/Figures with clear titles, labels, and captions.
5. Uses an efficient and clear style, free of grammatical errors.

Points Possible: 30 Points Received: _____

DISCUSSION

Excellent Satisf. Needs work

1. Effectively summarizes major findings from study.
2. Explains “bottom line,” significance, and implications.
3. Explains how these findings extend prior research.
4. Discusses flaws or shortcomings in study.
5. Provides good ideas for future research that could be conducted on this topic.
6. Uses an efficient and clear style, free of grammatical errors.

Points Possible: 30 Points Received: _____

REFERENCES AND IN-TEXT CITATIONS

Excellent Satisf. Needs work

1. Contains correctly formatted references list.
2. Follows appropriate citation style throughout essay (MLA, APA, Chicago).
3. In-text citations are accurate, relevant, and interpreted for readers.

Points Possible: 5 Points Received: _____

Overall Comments:

Total Points/Grade: _____