

Paper Grading Rubric

Points:	Exemplary	Good	Limited	Unsatisfactory
	10	7	4	2
Introduction	Thesis is clearly defined and focused	Thesis is clear; provides some direction for paper	Thesis is inappropriate, unclear, or incomplete	Ineffective or missing introduction
Study 1 Description	Accurate, appropriate level of detail	Sufficient and accurate	Partly inaccurate, incomplete, or unclear	Missing, inappropriate study
Study 2 Description	Accurate, appropriate level of detail	Sufficient and accurate	Partly inaccurate, incomplete, or unclear	Missing, inappropriate study
Study 3 Description	Accurate, appropriate level of detail	Sufficient and accurate	Partly inaccurate, incomplete, or unclear	Missing, inappropriate study
Synthesis	Interesting, sophisticated, insightful integration of findings of 3 studies (note that this may be integrated into the body of the paper);	Sufficient and accurate integration/comparison of 3 studies	Inaccurate, incomplete, or unclear synthesis/comparison; summarizes previously stated information	Missing comparison/synthesis of 3 studies
Conclusion/ Recommendations	Extends and connects ideas; insightful comments	Satisfactory: Purposeful; appropriate comments	Unclear, incomplete, or inappropriate; Summarizes previously stated information	Missing
Total Points Earned				
Points:	4	3	2	1
Paragraph Order	Contributes to effective arguments; reinforces content	Demonstrates a plan	Ineffective or inconsistent	Random
Transitions	Effective and varied	Clear and functional	Mechanical	Absent
Sentence Structure	Complete and varied/interesting	Complete and correct	Some errors are evident	Repetitious; fragments and run-ons are frequent
Word Choice	Engaging, powerful choice of words	Appropriate to task	Uneven	Inappropriate or incorrect words are frequent
References	Complete list of references; studies are clearly referred to in text	Complete list of references; studies not always clearly referred to in text	Reference list is incomplete	Reference list is absent
Total Points Earned				

Overall Points Earned: _____ (out of 80)

Letter Grade: _____

