

Senior Project Paper Rubric

	4 Advanced	3 Proficient	2 Basic	1 Below Basic (0 = missing criteria)	Points
Title Page and General Page Formatting: -Title page in APA format includes correct information -1-inch margins on all sides -Paper is double-spaced -Pages numbered consecutively and include an abbreviated title	-0-1 errors	-No more than 2 errors or repeated patterns of errors	-3 or more errors or repeated patterns of errors	-Information and formatting requirements ignored or inaccurate	1
Abstract: -100 to 150 word summary of content	-Succinct and complete summary	-Completely summarizes content -Slightly over the word limit	-Incomplete or disorganized summary -Exceeds word limit	-Summary does not reflect content -Exceeds word limit	1
Policy Identification & Explanation -Explains key points of the policy	-Precise explanation of current policy	-Competent explanation of current policy	-Incomplete or superficial explanation of current policy	-Unclear explanation of current policy	1
Policy History/Background: - Traces the history of the policy issue -Explains what was happening that made it so the policy exists today -Includes the influence major political parties, elected officials, interest groups and/or specific individuals had on policy issue	-Engaging and focused explanation of key factors of history/background	-Sufficient explanation of key factors of history/background	-Incomplete or superficial explanation of key factors of the history/background	-Little or unclear explanation of key factors of history/background policy	2
Current Situation: -Explains current policy situation including effects/outcomes -Identifies and analyzes factors that impact the policy -Analyzes and explains data used to support current situation	-Thorough explanation of current policy situation including effects/outcomes -Thorough explanation of changing factors -Thorough data analysis and explanation	-Sufficient explanation of current policy situation including effects/outcomes -Sufficient explanation of changing factors -Sufficient data analysis and explanation	-Insufficient explanation of current policy situation, the effects, and/or outcomes -Explanation of changing factors lacks development -Data analysis and explanation lack development	-Explanation of current policy situation is confusing or missing -Explanation of changing factors is confusing or missing -Data analysis and explanation is confusing or missing	2
Differing Viewpoints: -Explains and analyzes 2 or more viewpoints objectively -Compares and contrasts viewpoints	-Thorough, objective explanation and analysis of viewpoints -Well-developed and well-organized comparison/contrast	-Objective explanation and analysis of viewpoints -Sufficiently developed and organized comparison/contrast	-Explanation and analysis of viewpoints lacks objectivity or is superficial -Comparison/contrast is inconsistent, needing more development, or stronger organization	-Includes only 1 viewpoint -Explanation and analysis is insufficient or confusing -Comparison/contrast is insufficient, confusing or missing	2
Policy Recommendation: -Explains recommendation supported by valid research -Addresses political feasibility -Addresses economic feasibility	-Thorough explanation of recommendation logically built upon valid research - Writing explicitly addresses political and economic feasibility	-Sufficient explanation of recommendation built upon valid research -Writing explicitly addresses political or economic feasibility	-Insufficient explanation of recommendation built upon research -Writing weakly addresses political or economic feasibility.	-Explanation of recommendation is confusing, missing or built upon invalid research -Does not address economic or political feasibility	2
Graphic Support: -Supports paper content -Is legible and integrated into the text -Relevance of graphic support is explained	-Directly supports paper content -Is legible and integrated into the text -Thorough explanation of graphic support	-Directly supports paper content -Is legible and integrated into the text -Sufficient explanation of graphic support	-Is related to paper content - is legible but not integrated into the text -Insufficient explanation of graphic support	-Is unrelated to paper content -Graphic support is not legible and not integrated into the text -No explanation of graphic support	1
Internal Citation: -Accurate APA internal citation including graphical support <u>Note: Papers without internal citation will not be scored.</u>	-Accurate APA citation content/format	-Minimal errors in APA citation content/format -No more than 2 internal citations are missing	-Multiple errors in APA citation content/format -A few internal citations are missing	-Demonstrates little or no understanding of APA citation -Some internal citations are missing	1
Reference Page: -Correct APA formatting -Only sources cited in the paper are listed <u>Note: Papers without a reference page will not be scored</u>	-Accurate APA format -Matches all internal citations	-Minimal errors in APA format (pattern of error) -Matches most internal citations	-Multiple errors in APA format -Matches some internal citations	-Demonstrates little or no understanding of APA format -Matches few internal citations	1
Voice and Word Choice -Voice should be expository in tone and free from bias	-Voice is consistently professional -Word choice is mature, precise, and appropriate to topic and audience	-Voice is consistently professional -Word choice is appropriate to topic and audience	-Inconsistent professional voice -Some inaccurate or inappropriate word choices	-Little or no professional voice -Multiple word choice errors that interfere with audience comprehension	1
Sentence Fluency and Conventions	-Masterful sentence structure and conventions enhance audience comprehension -Few, if any, sentence or convention errors	-Sentence structure and conventions occasionally enhance audience comprehension. -Sentence or convention errors rarely interfere with audience comprehension	-Sentence structure and use of conventions is inconsistent -Errors in sentence fluency and conventions occasionally interfere with audience comprehension	-Sentence structure and use of conventions are ineffective or confusing. -Errors in sentence fluency and conventions interfere with audience comprehension	1
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