

Research Paper Rubric

Section	Total Possible Points	<50% points	75% points	100% points	
Abstract	5	The writer is unable to establish the major points of the research paper	Includes the major points of the paper but is unable to state this concisely or clearly	Concisely and clearly states an overview of the research paper	
Introduction	10	The writer struggles to communicate the research problem the paper is trying to address.	The writer is able to communicate the research problem but lacks some clarity or does not include relevant literature	Clearly states the problem the research is addressing and sufficiently relates research to literature in the field	
Methods	10	The writer is unable to explain the methods used such that results could not be replicated	Explains the methods used in this work but lacks some clarity	Clearly explains the methods used in this work with sufficient background so that the results could be replicated	
Results	10	Did not accumulate sufficient data and does not organize data in a meaningful way	Includes sufficient data but needs improvement on organizing data so that the reader can understand	Includes sufficient data and organizes such that the reader can easily interpret the major conclusions of the work	
Discussion/ Conclusion	10	The writer has difficulty commenting on the significance of their results	The writer briefly comments on the meaning of the results but lacks evidence	The writer make comments on the results which support and add meaning to the data presented	
References	5	References are not included and not cited properly	References are cited but have some errors throughout paper	References are cited properly	
Quality of writing	10	Grammatical, spelling, and punctuation errors are present; Writing is difficult to understand and lacks cohesion	Few grammatical, spelling, and punctuation errors; The writing is mostly clear and organized but lacks some cohesion	Little to no grammatical spelling, and punctuation errors; Writing is clear, cohesive, and effectively communicates the major results of the research	

Research Progress	20	Did not complete progress reports; Did not attend weekly meetings; Did not complete a defined task; Student clearly spent little time on their research project	Turns in progress reports and attends meetings, but its clear that minimal time has been spent on research; Completes minimum requirement	Turns in progress reports and attends meetings; The student clearly communicates tasks completed; Achieves results and used these results to make another step/plan in research	
Rough Drafts/ Peer Review	10	Does not turn in all rough drafts and does not participate in peer review	Completes minimal rough drafts and participates in peer review exercises, but clearly puts in minimal effort	Completes rough drafts participates in peer review exercises, and makes an effort to critic peers	
Total Points	90				