

GENERAL EDUCATION RUBRIC—SSCI206 and SSCI210

DNS = Did Not Submit N/A = Not Applicable to Assignment

Criteria	Exemplary (5)	Accomplished (4)	Proficient (3)	Partially Proficient (2)	Unacceptable (1)
<u>CRITICAL THINKING</u> Synthesize different ideas, beliefs, perspectives, and approaches in the process of arriving at conclusions or solutions (includes ethical reasoning and awareness of cultural diversity).	Demonstrates outstanding or exemplary ability to integrate different ideas, beliefs, perspectives and approaches in the process of arriving at conclusions or solutions as required by the assignment (includes issues related to ethical questions) Demonstrates outstanding or exemplary ability to proactively seek and incorporate multiple and diverse perspectives when working with one's own and other cultures (as applicable).	Demonstrates clear ability to integrate different ideas, beliefs, perspectives and approaches in the process of arriving at conclusions or solutions as required by the assignment (includes issues related to ethical questions). Demonstrates clear ability to seek and incorporate multiple and diverse perspectives when working with one's own and other cultures (as applicable).	Demonstrates adequate or proficient ability to integrate, different ideas, beliefs, perspectives and approaches in the process of arriving at conclusions or solutions as required by the assignment (includes issues related to ethical questions). Demonstrates adequate ability to seek (when instructed), and incorporate multiple and diverse perspectives when working with one's own and other cultures (as applicable).	Demonstrates inadequate or partially proficient ability to integrate, different ideas, thoughts, perspectives and approaches in the process of arriving at conclusions or solutions as required by the assignment (includes issues related to ethical questions). Demonstrates partially proficient ability to incorporate multiple and diverse perspectives when working with one's own and other cultures (as applicable).	Demonstrates limited ability to integrate different ideas, thoughts, perspectives and approaches in the process of arriving at conclusions or solutions as required by the assignment (includes issues related to ethical questions). Demonstrates limited ability to incorporate multiple and diverse perspectives when working with one's own and other cultures (as applicable).

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KNOWLEDGE OF CULTURE, SOCIETY, AND THE NATURAL WORLD Integrate concepts, principles, and methods from a variety of disciplines to apply to personal and professional	Demonstrates outstanding or exemplary ability to integrate appropriate concepts, principles, and methods from a variety of disciplines (e.g., humanities, natural, social, and behavioral sciences)	Demonstrates clear ability to integrate appropriate concepts, principles, and methods from a variety of disciplines (e.g., humanities, natural, social, and behavioral sciences) to personal and	Demonstrates adequate or proficient ability to integrate appropriate concepts, principles, and methods from a variety of disciplines (e.g., humanities, natural, social, and behavioral sciences)	Demonstrates inadequate or partially proficient ability to integrate concepts, principles, and methods from a variety of disciplines (e.g., humanities, natural, social, and behavioral sciences) to	Demonstrates limited ability to integrate concepts, principles, and methods from a variety of disciplines (e.g., humanities, natural, social, and behavioral sciences) to personal and professional situations
endeavors.	to personal and professional situations as required by the assignment.	professional situations as required by the assignment.	to personal and professional situations as required by the assignment.	personal and professional situations as required by the assignment.	as required by the assignment.
INFORMATION LITERACY Identify, evaluate, and use valid information sources and content effectively and ethically.	Demonstrates outstanding selection of high quality, credible, and relevant sources. Utilizes the same to develop ideas that are	Demonstrates clear ability for comprehensive selection of credible, relevant sources. Fully utilizes the same to support ideas that	Demonstrates adequate selection of credible and relevant sources. For the most part utilizes the same to support ideas that are	Demonstrates appropriate, but inadequate selection of sources. Demonstrates inadequate use of the sources selected to	Demonstrates inappropriate and inadequate selection and use of sources to support ideas in the writing.

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	appropriate to the assignment. Demonstrates ethical utilization of sources through varied strategies (e.g., citations and references, paraphrasing, summarizing, and quoting)	are appropriate to the assignment. Demonstrates ethical use of sources through several strategies (e.g., citations and references, paraphrasing, summarizing, and quoting)	appropriate to the assignment. Demonstrates ethical utilization of sources through consistent use of strategies (e.g., citations and references, paraphrasing, summarizing, and quoting)	support ideas in the writing. Demonstrates ethical utilization of sources through minimal or inconsistent use of strategies (e.g., citations and references, paraphrasing, summarizing, and quoting)	Demonstrates inadequate ethical utilization of sources.
INQUIRY AND ANALYSIS Apply a methodical research approach to gather evidence to assess problems, situations, and events.	Demonstrates a methodical research approach in gathering an outstanding selection of high- quality, credible, and relevant sources. Uses sources to develop sound evidence Synthesizes evidence effectively to assess problems, situations, and events as required by the assignment	Demonstrates a methodical research approach and clear ability for comprehensive selection and use of credible, relevant sources to develop evidence gathered through Uses evidence to assess problems, situations, and events as required by the assignment	Demonstrates a systematic research approach to adequately select and use credible or relevant sources to develop evidence Uses evidence sufficiently to assess problems, situations, and events as required by the assignment	Demonstrates an unreliable research approach and inadequate selection and use of sources to develop evidence Misuses evidence to assess problems, situations, and events as required by the assignment	Demonstrates an illogical research approach and inadequate selection and use of sources to develop evidence Fails to use evidence to effectively or appropriately assess problems, situations, and events as required by the assignment

Some elements and language in this rubric were adapted based on the American Association of Colleges and Universities (AAC&U) Written Communication Rubric Valid Assessment of Undergraduate Education (VALUE) Project http://www.aacu.org/value/index.cfm