

Graduate Written Assignment Rubric

Criteria	Meets Standard	Possible Points
Follows Instructions	Assignment includes all the required topics and questions within the instructions.	10
Document Length	Assignment is at or slightly above the minimum suggested length.	5
Accuracy	* Content and terminology are accurate in response to the prompts and demonstrates an understanding of the content. * If required, examples illustrate key concepts following the requirements of the assignment.	45
Critical Thinking	Assignment demonstrates detailed critical thinking in two or more of the ways: * Demonstrate justified positions * Demonstrating original thought * Conclusions based on analysis * Evaluation of key concepts * Synthesis of ideas * Or other higher-order thinking skills	20
Writing	Assignment has no spelling or grammar errors.	15
Organization, Structure, and Flow	Assignment organizes content through paragraph structure and sentence flow to enhance readability.	15
Scholarly Support	All supporting references are credible or scholarly.	15
Document and APA Format	Assignment is formatted properly according to the current APA Publication Manual.	15
Total		140

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Criteria	Not Evident	Not Meeting Expectations	Needs Improvements	Meets Most Expectations	Meets or Exceeds Expectations
Follows Instructions	No assignment submitted OR includes less than half of the required topics and questions within the instructions.	Assignment includes half of the required topics and questions within the instructions.	Assignment includes more than half of the required topics and questions within the instructions.	Assignment includes most of the required topics and questions within the instructions.	Assignment includes all the required topics and questions within the instructions.
Document Length	No assignment submitted.	Assignment is less than half the minimum length requirements OR more than double the maximum length requirement.	Assignment is less than three quarters of the minimum length requirements OR 50% more than the maximum length requirement.	Assignment is slightly less than the minimum length requirements OR less than 25% above the maximum length requirement.	Assignment is at or slightly above the minimum suggested length.
Accuracy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * No assignment submitted OR explanation is lacking detail with many inaccuracies. * If examples are required, none were included or contained many inaccuracies. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Explanation is lacking in detail and/or accuracy. * If required, examples are included but not tied to key concepts of the assignment. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Explanation is mostly accurate and includes most details. * If required, examples are included but some are not tied to key concepts of the assignment. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Explanation is accurate and includes most required details. * If required, examples are included and most are tied to key concepts of the assignment. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Content and terminology are accurate in response to the prompts and demonstrates an understanding of the content. * If required, examples illustrate key concepts following the requirements of the assignment.

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Critical Thinking	No assignment submitted OR no demonstration of any critical thinking skills.	Assignment demonstrates minimal critical thinking in one of the ways identified in the meets standard of the rubric.	Assignment demonstrates minimal critical thinking through two or more of the ways identified in the meets standard of the rubric.	Assignment demonstrates detailed critical thinking in one of the ways identified in the meets standard of the rubric.	Assignment demonstrates detailed critical thinking in two or more of the ways: * Demonstrate justified positions * Demonstrating original thought * Conclusions based on analysis * Evaluation of key concepts * Synthesis of ideas * Or other higher-order thinking skills
Writing	Assignment not submitted OR Assignment has an excess number of spelling or grammar errors that may impact the readability of the assignment.	Assignment contains numerous minor spelling or grammar errors that do not significantly impact readability of assignment.	Assignment contains several minor spelling or grammar errors that do not significantly impact readability of assignment.	Assignment contains a few minor spelling or grammar errors that do not significantly impact readability of assignment.	Assignment has no spelling or grammar errors.
Organization, Structure, and Flow	No assignment submitted OR significant issues with organization, structure, and flow that impact the ability to comprehend the topics discussed.	Assignment has multiple issues with organization, structure, and flow errors.	Assignment has some issues with effective organization, structure, and flow errors.	Assignment effectively communicates through organization, structure, and flow. Using mostly correct terminology.	Assignment organizes content through paragraph structure and sentence flow to enhance readability.
Scholarly Support	No assignment submitted OR no supporting references included.	Most supporting references lack credibility and are not scholarly.	Most supporting references are credible but may not be scholarly.	Most supporting references are credible or scholarly.	All supporting references are credible or scholarly.

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Document and APA Format	No assignment submitted OR Assignment does not meet most of the formatting requirements according to the current APA Publication Manual.	Assignment meets few of the formatting requirements according to the current APA Publication Manual.	Assignment meets some of the formatting requirements according to the current APA Publication Manual.	Assignment meets most of the formatting requirements according to the current APA Publication Manual.	Assignment is formatted properly according to the current APA Publication Manual.