

F22 Literature Review Rubric

Criteria	Ratings						Pts
Relevant Theory Description of relevant theory or theoretical perspectives found in articles from sociology journals or related journals.	2 pts High pass Descriptions of article concepts and theories are strongly relevant and consistent with research topic/question.	1.5 pts Pass Descriptions of article concepts and theories are adequately relevant and consistent with research topic/question.	1 pts Low pass Descriptions of article concepts and theories are weakly relevant and weakly consistent with research topic/question.	0.5 pts Needs work	0 pts Missing		2 pts
Synthesis of Arguments Synthesize the arguments in a coherent way.	2 pts High pass Article synthesis goes beyond summarizing by also offering a strong, coherent discussion of the state of research (e.g. identification of common arguments, appropriate comparison, discussion of competing arguments, etc...)	1.5 pts Pass Article synthesis goes beyond summarizing and offers an adequate discussion of the state of research (e.g. identification of common arguments, appropriate comparisons, discussion of competing arguments, etc...)	1 pts Low pass Article synthesis is largely limited to summary of articles.	0.5 pts Needs work	0 pts Missing		2 pts
Issues In Literature Identify and discuss any issues you may see in the existing research (e.g., gaps and limitations)	2 pts High pass Effectively identifies and discusses any issues in the existing literature such as gaps and limitations.	1.5 pts Pass Identifies and discusses issues in existing research and literature such as gaps and limitations.	1 pts Low pass Offers limited identification of issues and/or gaps in research and literature.	0.5 pts Needs work	0 pts Missing		2 pts
ASA Citation Use appropriate citations and quotes. Apply the ASA citation style.	2 pts High pass Includes in-text citations and a complete references list using correct ASA citation style.	1.5 pts Pass Includes in-text citations and a references list but with minor errors in ASA citation style usage.	1 pts Low pass Includes in-text citations and a references list but with notable issues in both.	0.5 pts Needs work	0 pts Missing		2 pts
Writing Writing is generally free of error and organized with effective word choice and sentence structure	2 pts High pass	1.5 pts Pass	1 pts Low pass	0.5 pts Needs work	0 pts Cannot be graded		2 pts

Total Points: 10