

APA Style Paper Grading Rubric
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Format: (30%)

APA format (the following elements will be graded) (10) _____

Title page is correct, subsequent page header, page numbers, 1" margins, Times New Roman 12 font, left justify (ragged right), indent new paragraphs, two spaces after periods, correct section headings, proper block quotes

References in correct format (4) _____ and adequate in number and type (peer-reviewed) (5) _____

In-text citations were used when needed (3) _____ In-text citations were in correct format (2) _____
(less than 3 OK, 3-4 1 pt, 5-6 2 pts, 7-8 3 pts)

Followed length guidelines (6) _____ One page +/- is OK, 2 pts off for each page of deviation
(title page and reference page are not counted for length guidelines)

Quality of Writing: (30%)

Grammar, spelling, syntax (12) _____ (0-2 per page = no deduction; 3=1 pt, 4-5=2 pts, 6+=3 pts)

Professional style (10) _____ (active voice, strong sentences, logical flow, proper paragraph breaks, no run-on sentences or sentence fragments)

Good organizational statement in introductory paragraph (3) _____ (tell reader what you will cover)

Good transitions from section to section (5) _____ (connect each section to the overall plan)

Quality of Ideas: (35%)

Addressed assignment (10) _____ (how well did the writer follow the assigned instructions?)

Clear presentation of ideas (8) _____ (writer adequately explains all terms and ideas presented)

Statements are accurate and consistent with references (6) _____

Synthesized & paraphrased ideas from references (5) _____ (No excessive quotes, about 2 per p.)

Provided appropriate amount of independent thinking (6) _____ ("This author believes...")

Total Score: _____ Deduction for lateness: _____ (6 points per day or portion thereof)

Webster Writing Center: (5%) Was the writing center used to review the draft? -3 if no, +2 if yes

Professor Comments: