

Rubric for Written Assignments

	Excellent 8-10 points	Satisfactory 4-7 points	Needs Improvement 1-3 points	Incomplete 0 points
Focus	8 9 10 Clearly presents a thesis and supports it throughout the paper.	4 5 6 7 Thesis is supported throughout most of the paper.	1 2 3 Thesis is unclear or weakly supported throughout the paper.	0 Lacks a clear thesis.
Organization	8 9 10 Organization is sequential and appropriate to assignment; paragraphs are well-developed and appropriately divided; ideas linked with smooth and effective transitions.	4 5 6 7 Good overall organization; paragraphs are well constructed but may lack effective transitions.	1 2 3 Weak organization; paragraphs are simple, disconnected and/or formulaic. No evident transitions or planned sequence.	0 Paragraph structure does not exist; or is a single rambling paragraph or series of isolated paragraphs
Content	8 9 10 Exceptionally well-presented and argued; the writer evaluates and/or analyzes course content and makes connections	4 5 6 7 Adequately presented and argued; the writer explains course content and makes connections.	1 2 3 Content is sound and solid; the writer merely summarized course content and does not attempt to make connections	0 Shows insufficient knowledge of the topic.
Development	8 9 10 Ideas are well-detailed, well-developed, and supported with specific evidence & facts from multiple sources	4 5 6 7 Ideas are detailed, developed, and supported with evidence and details from at least one source	1 2 3 Ideas are present but not particularly developed or supported; some evidence, but usually of a generalized nature	0 Ideas are not developed or supported
Grammar & Mechanics	8 9 10 Free of punctuation, spelling, or grammatical errors. Sentences are structured effectively and powerfully; well-chose variety of sentence styles and length	4 5 6 7 Occasional punctuation, spelling, or grammatical errors; effective and varied sentences	1 2 3 Contains several errors of punctuation, spelling, or grammar; mostly simple sentences	0 Frequent errors; poor sentence structure
APA	8 9 10 All APA style requirements are followed accurately	4 5 6 7 APA style is mostly followed, with a few (mostly common) errors	1 2 3 APA style is attempted, but many formatting errors are evident	0 APA style not attempted