

National Social Science Association Student Paper Scoring Rubric

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Final Rubric (50 points total)

<p>Page Length Reference pages are not included in the page count.</p>	<p>Excellent _____ 15 points 15 or more text pages</p>	<p>Good _____ 10 points 14 ½ - 12 ¾ text pages</p>	<p>Fair _____ 5 points 12 ¼ - 6 ¾ text pages</p>	<p>Insufficient _____ 0 points 6 ½ or below text pages</p>
<p>Paper Format</p>	<p>Excellent _____ 5 points Proper formatting including New Times Roman 12 point font, 1-inch margins, running author header with page numbers. Use the latest requirements from APA and/or MLA.</p>	<p>Good _____ 3 points Minor errors in formatting. There are some errors in formatting with limited use of the style guide.</p>	<p>Fair _____ 1 point Major errors in formatting</p>	<p>Insufficient _____ 0 points Excessive significant errors in formatting</p>
<p>Citations <i>Note: Some fields and topics require more citations, for example, theoretical or conceptual papers. Some others such as applied papers in fields such as business may not have such requirements. So, the number of citations should be "appropriate" to the topic and field.</i></p>	<p>Excellent _____ 5 points. The number of citations is appropriate to the topic and the field. No major relevant articles are omitted. Sources are properly cited in text, endnotes are properly formatted, "Notes" title present, Ibid is used correctly, block quotes in text are formatted correctly</p>	<p>Good _____ 3 points Fewer citations than required by the topic and the field. Some omissions in major articles in the field. Minor errors in notes citing and formatting</p>	<p>Fair _____ 1 point Most citations that are relevant to the topic and the field are missing. Significant errors in notes citing and formatting</p>	<p>Insufficient _____ 0 points No notes present; plagiarism to be evaluated</p>

Grammar and Mechanics	Excellent _____ 5 points Proper spelling, grammar, punctuation, capitalization, voice (verb tense), no contractions, no use of 1 st or 2 nd person	Good _____ 3 points Minor errors present	Fair _____ 1 point Major and numerous errors present	Insufficient _____ 0 points Excessive errors present
Style	Excellent _____ 5 points. Appropriate word choice, and sentence structure, acronyms are defined properly	Good _____ 3 points Minor errors present	Fair _____ 1 point Major errors present, sentences are awkward	Insufficient _____ 0 points Excessive errors present
Content	Excellent _____ 15 points Abstract Included appropriate “Key Terms” listed. Topic Interesting, accurate, factual, transparent, and appropriate organization, all content on the topic, points thoroughly analyzed, thesis clearly stated transitions.	Good _____ 10 points Abstract Included but “Key Terms” are missing. Includes accurate technical facts, sufficient support of thesis but lacks depth and organization.	Fair _____ 7 points No abstract or Key Terms were included. Some support of the thesis, paragraphs are overly general and/or not on topic, material repeated, lacks depth and organization.	Insufficient _____ 0 points Insufficient support of thesis, no organization, introduction, transitions, and no conclusion

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