

**Psy 454 – Clinical Psychology  
 Research Paper Grading Rubric  
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<b>Overall Content</b>				
All information is factually correct	Most information is factually correct			Many factual errors / inconsistencies
5	4	3	2	1
Excellent background, context, and idea development	Adequate background, context, and idea development			Poor background, context, and idea development
5	4	3	2	1
Excellent variety of sources	Adequate variety of sources			Inadequate variety of sources
5	4	3	2	1
Excellent discussion of detail	Adequate discussion of detail			Vague discussion of detail
5	4	3	2	1
Impressive depth of insight and analysis	Adequate depth of insight and analysis			Unexceptional insight or analysis
5	4	3	2	1
<b>Introduction</b>				
Introduction clearly reviews background for proposed research	Introduction adequately reviews background for proposed research			Introduction poorly reviews background for proposed research
5	4	3	2	1
Introduction clearly states thesis question	Introduction adequately implies thesis question			Introduction poorly implies thesis question / no thesis question present.
5	4	3	2	1
Introduction clearly motivates and introduces appropriate methods	Introduction adequately motivates and introduces appropriate methods			Introduction fails to motivate or introduce appropriate methods
5	4	3	2	1

<b>Method</b>				
Excellent description & thought in selecting proposed subjects	Adequate description and thought in selecting proposed subjects			Unclear / no description of proposed subjects and thought used in selection
5	4	3	2	1
Outstanding description of procedures in proposed study	Adequate description of procedures in proposed study			Poor / no description of proposed study
5	4	3	2	1
<b>Hypothesized Results</b>				
Well-reasoned description of hypothesized results	Adequate description of hypothesized results			Arbitrary or missing description of hypothesized results
5	4	3	2	1
Used graphs or tables well to illustrate hypothesized results	Used graphs or tables adequately to illustrate hypothesized results			No graphs or tables illustrating hypothesized results
5	4	3	2	1
<b>Implications / Discussion</b>				
Excellent overview of hypothesized findings	Adequate overview of hypothesized findings			Poor / no overview of hypothesized findings
5	4	3	2	1
Hypothesized findings clearly discussed in the context of previous research	Hypothesized findings adequately discussed in the context of previous research			No discussion of hypothesized findings in the context of previous research
5	4	3	2	1
Excellent discussion of limitations of proposed study	Adequate discussion of limitations of proposed study			Poor / absent discussion of limitations of proposed study
5	4	3	2	1
Excellent overview of future research needs	Adequate overview of future research needs			Poor / no overview of future research needs
5	4	3	2	1

<b>Format and Style</b>				
Excellent APA Style	Adequate APA Style			Poor APA Style
5	4	3	2	1
Clear organization, with appropriate use of headings	Adequate organization, with some use of headings			Poor organization / no use of headings
5	4	3	2	1
Smooth transitions between paragraphs / sections	Adequate transitions between paragraphs / sections			Awkward / poor / absent transitions between paragraphs / sections
5	4	3	2	1
Correct grammar & no spelling mistakes	Few grammar & few spelling mistakes			Incorrect grammar & many spelling mistakes
5	4	3	2	1
Clean, legible manuscript & typesetting	Adequate manuscript & typesetting			Sloppy manuscript & typesetting
5	4	3	2	1
Paper submitted on time in both hardcopy and electronic format	Paper submitted late in either electronic or hardcopy format			Paper not submitted in both hardcopy and electronic format
5	4	3	2	1

## Grade Computation:

Area	Points	Weighting	Sub-Total
Overall Content (13.8%)	/25	x 1	/25
Introduction (25.0%)	/15	x 3	/45
Methods (11.1%)	/10	x 2	/20
Hypothesized Results (11.1%)	/10	x 2	/20
Implications / Discussion (22.2%)	/20	x 2	/40
Format and Style (16.6%)	/30	x 1	/30
Total (100%)			/180

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