

SOC 499 SENIOR CAPSTONE FINAL PROJECT RUBRICS

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Abstract 5%	A succinct abstract summarizes all parts of the research project.	An abstract summarizes all parts of the research project but is a little too long and detailed.	An abstract summarizes the research project but omits key parts and/or is vague.	The abstract fails to provide a summary of the project or is missing.
Research Hypothesis – Cf. Writing Competencies, Thesis 5%	The project clearly presents a research hypothesis that can be supported or refuted using basic social science methods.	The project clearly presents a research hypothesis.	The project presents a research hypothesis that is somewhat vague.	The project does not present a research hypothesis.
Introduction Cf. Writing Competencies, Critical Reading and Researching Sources 30%	A literature review summarizes, integrates and evaluates 25 (or more) key sources to provide a context for the research hypothesis.	A literature review summarizes and integrates 20 key sources to provide a context for the research hypothesis.	A literature review summarizes and integrates 15 key sources to provide a context for the research hypothesis.	Sources are NOT relevant AND/OR are not explained.
Research Methods Cf. Writing Competencies, Discipline Specific 30%	The research methods section includes: a thorough description of the data base and variables; a multivariate cross-tabulation analysis using at least three variables; graphic and tabular presentations that are explicitly connected to the research hypothesis.	The research methods section includes: a description of the key components of the research process; a cross-tabulation multivariate analysis using three variables; graphs and tables that are integrated into the text in a meaningful way.	The research methods section describes the key components and executes several two-variable cross-tabulation analyses; graphs and tables are included and related to the text.	The research methods section is vague; graphs and tables are missing or are unrelated to the research hypothesis.
Summary and Conclusions 10%	Conclusions draw the paper together and point to a direction for future research; shortcomings of the research project and data are noted.	Conclusions provide an appropriate summary for the project.	Concluding section is tacked on but does not fulfill the function.	Concluding section is missing.
References – Cf. Writing Competencies, Discipline Specific 10%	All sources (information and graphics) are accurately cited within the text in ASA format and a "Reference" page provides source information in proper format.	All sources are accurately documented, but a few are not in the desired format.	Most sources (information and graphics) are accurately documented, not in the desired format.	Sources are not accurately documented.
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