

PSY 211 Module Six Journal Guidelines and Rubric

In this course, the journal will be used for reflection. Journal activities in this course are private between you and the instructor. A course journal in Blackboard is generally made up of many individual entries. Review [this tutorial](#) for information on creating a Blackboard journal entry.

Based on the readings in the text and the supplemental article from this module, what factors do you believe have the biggest influence on a person’s gender identity or sexual orientation? You may choose biological or environmental factors or a combination of the two. Discuss the factors in a short journal entry and give a real or hypothetical example of how they apply in real life. Devote one section to **stating your opinion** and describing how it is supported by the text or reading material, and devote one section to your **real or hypothetical example**. For example, you might state that you believe sexual orientation is primarily determined by genes and support that with text material in your first section. In your second section, you could then share an example of a family you know with at least one gay person in each generation.

You may compose your journal entry in any one of the following formats:

- A visual map using a program such as [Webspiration](#), [WiseMapping](#), or [MindMup](#); insert your final image as a JPEG in the journal entry area
- An audio recording between 1 and 2 minutes in length; you may use [Vocaroo](#) and insert the recording or provide a link to it in your journal entry
- A slide presentation between 3 to 5 slides in length using PowerPoint; attach the PowerPoint file to your journal entry
- A written narrative between 300 and 600 words in length

Instructor Feedback: This activity uses an integrated rubric in Blackboard. Students can view instructor feedback in the Grade Center. For more information, review [these instructions](#).

Critical Elements	Proficient (100%)	Needs Improvement (70%)	Not Evident (0%)	Value
Opinion Statement	Describes beliefs of the most influential factors in a person’s gender identify or sexual orientation	Describes beliefs but opinion expressed is unrelated to topic and/or lacks sufficient explanation	Does not describe beliefs	40
Real or Hypothetical Example	Describes a real or hypothetical example that supports opinion statement	Describes example but lacks detail and/or relevancy to option statement	Does not describe example	40
Articulation of Response	Journal entry is free of errors in organization and grammar	Journal entry contains errors of organization and grammar but errors are limited enough so that entries can be understood	Journal entry contains errors of organization and grammar making the entry difficult to understand	20
Total				100%