

Short Paper/Case Study Rubric (Graduate)

Guidelines for Submission: Short papers should use double spacing, 12-point Times New Roman font, and one-inch margins. Sources should be cited according to a discipline-appropriate citation method. Page-length requirements: 2–4 pages.

Critical Elements	Exemplary (100%)	Proficient (90%)	Needs Improvement (70%)	Not Evident (0%)	Value
Main Elements	Includes all of the main	Includes most of the main	Includes some of the main	Does not include any of the	25
	elements and requirements	elements and requirements	elements and requirements	main elements and	
	and cites multiple examples to	and cites many examples to		requirements	
	illustrate each element	illustrate each element			
Inquiry and Analysis	Provides in-depth analysis that	Provides in-depth analysis that	Provides in-depth analysis that	Does not provide in-depth	20
	demonstrates complete	demonstrates complete	demonstrates complete	analysis	
	understanding of multiple	understanding of some	understanding of minimal		
	concepts	concepts	concepts		
Integration and	All of the course concepts are	Most of the course concepts	Some of the course concepts	Does not correctly apply any of	10
Application	correctly applied	are correctly applied	are correctly applied	the course concepts	
Critical Thinking	Draws insightful conclusions	Draws informed conclusions	Draws logical conclusions, but	Does not draw logical	20
	that are thoroughly defended	that are justified with evidence	does not defend with evidence	conclusions	
	with evidence and examples				
Research	Incorporates many scholarly	Incorporates some scholarly	Incorporates very few scholarly	Does not incorporate scholarly	15
	resources effectively that	resources effectively that	resources that reflect depth	resources that reflect depth	
	reflect depth and breadth of	reflect depth and breadth of	and breadth of research	and breadth of research	
	research	research			
Writing	No errors related to	Minor errors related to	Some errors related to	Major errors related to	10
(Mechanics/Citations)	organization, grammar and	organization, grammar and	organization, grammar and	organization, grammar and	
	style, and citations	style, and citations	style, and citations	style, and citations	
				Total	100%