

Writing Scoring Guide

Writing Criteria	Specific Elements	Score
Focus	Paper's purpose is evident and appropriate for the assignment Engaging and full development of a clear thesis Paper is clearly unified on the thesis Adds value to target audience Anticipates and answers reader's questions	_____
Support	Substantial, logical, concrete development of ideas Main points sufficiently supported with specific evidence Assumptions are made explicit	_____
Organization	Logical and effective sequencing of paragraphs Ideas divided into logical paragraphs Transitions show relationship between points, why points belong where they do	_____
Mechanics and Style	Word choice is academic/professional, concise, creative, precise Varied sentence structures Standard English throughout paper Correct spelling and accurate punctuation Grammar and usage contribute to clarity and style	_____
Professional Standards	Uses sources to support, extend, inform, but not substitute for development of writer's own ideas Combines material from a variety of appropriate sources Quotations are appropriately selected and not overused or too long Consistently follows style guide Citations are correctly formatted, appear when needed Correctly formatted references page	_____
Discipline-Specific Elements		_____
		Overall Score _____