Term Paper Rubric

**Plagiarism:** Papers that use the ideas or writing of another person without giving them credit will automatically receive ‘0’ points or a grade of ‘F’.

**Initial Observations:** All nine of these points are absolutely necessary in order to receive a minimum of 70% for a ‘C’ grade. However, the final grade will still be determined by the overall quality of the paper.

- Title page (in proper ASA format)
- Typed and double spaced
- 1.25 inch margins
- 12 point standard font (Arial or Times New Roman)
- 4 full pages minimum (not including the title page or reference page)
- Reference page with at least 4 appropriate sources
- Use of in text citations according to ASA format
- Pages numbered in upper right hand corner
- Evidence of proofreading (Student Success or Connect)

**Introduction:** This opening paragraph should provide a clear overview of what the paper seeks to accomplish.

- Topic or purpose of the paper is clearly stated

**Body:** The objective here is to demonstrate knowledge of sociological theories and concepts and how they apply to the topic.

- Topic clearly addressed in detail
- Sociological theory and concepts clearly applied

**Conclusion:** This is an overview of how the paper accomplished the intended purpose.

- Summary is clear and logical
- Sociological theory and concepts summarized

**Reference Page:**

- Only one internet source is allowed
- Interviews with qualified experts are allowed but only in addition to the required four sources

**Writing Skills:**

- Punctuation, Grammar, and Spelling

**Evidence of Proofreading:** Having the paper proofread is a requirement.

- Student Success (Signed copy submitted with corrected copy)
- Connect (Proofread copy submitted with corrected copy)
Title of Paper

By

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Date Submitted
Examples of in text citations

Paraphrased Example

According to Mark Edwards (2012), fears associated with writing a term paper are common among students and these fears can be particularly acute for those who have had very little writing experience. The author suggests that simple way to begin to deal with these issues is to pay attention to the style of writing found in the various text books read in the course of a given semester.

Paraphrased Example

Although it is less prevalent in developed countries like the United States, worldwide approximately twenty percent of the adult population can neither read nor write. This condition of illiteracy is particularly prevalent among women (Mooney, Knox, and Schacht: 2011).

Direct Quote Example

It should also be noted that the “excessive use of long quotes is frowned upon in most research papers” (Edwards 2012:34).
References


