

**Climate Carbon and Soil (AESC30230) 2020–2021 Essay Assignment
Grading Rubric**

The following grading Rubric will be used to assess this assignment. This should help you in preparing your submission by letting you know what the grader will be looking for.

| | Knowledge and Understanding | Critical Thinking | Reading and Referencing | Structure | Use of Language |
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| Excellent | As for below, plus demonstrates exceptional comprehension of topic | As for below, plus a more sophisticated analysis | Essay fully supported by reference to relevant material. Accurate use of referencing format | Clear structure which enriches the discussion and argument | Essay displays an excellent use of standard written English and objective scientific writing style |
| Very Good | Shows thorough knowledge and understanding of the topic, with evidence of extensive reading beyond the key texts | Essay shows a resourceful and imaginative critical analysis and an evaluation and judgement backed by evidence | Clear evidence of wide and relevant reading. Accurate use of referencing format | Structure is clear and supports coherent discussion and argument | Essay displays a very good standard of written English and objective scientific writing style |
| Good | Shows evidence of relevant knowledge and understanding of the topic and some reading beyond the key texts | Shows evidence of critical thinking and an evaluation and judgement backed by evidence | Essay well informed by reading which goes beyond key texts. Accurate use of referencing format | Structure supports the discussion and argument | Essay displays a good standard of written English with some evidence of objective scientific writing style |
| Acceptable | Shows relevant basic knowledge of the topic | The essay is largely descriptive but with some discussion | Appropriate use made of a limited range of reading. Largely accurate use of referencing format | Evidence of structure relevant to the title | The work is written to an acceptable standard of English. There may be some grammatical errors and the work may need more careful editing |
| Fail | Shows inadequate knowledge of the topic | Essay is generally descriptive and uncritical. Some inaccuracy in the material | Poor use of reading. Poor or incorrect use of referencing format | Little evidence of planning the essay | Poor standard of written English. More care needs to be taken with elements of grammar, spelling and sentence construction |