

EDAM 27733 - The Policy Environment

Appendix B: Major Assignment 3 - Policy Analysis Paper Rubric

Criterion/Points	Exceeds/Meets Expectations	Does Not Meet Expectations
Introduction of policy problem (4 points)	You have included a succinct statement of the topic.	You neglected to introduce your topic.
Use of appropriate resources (5 points)	You make clear that you understand the policymaking process, describe it correctly, and apply it appropriately. You have taken the additional step to draw upon scholarly sources not covered in class. You use and reference legal materials correctly.	You make little to no use of Anderson and/or use Anderson incorrectly. You do not use legal references or use them incorrectly.
Synthesis and critique (6 points)	You demonstrate a clear understanding of this policy issue and, combined with a comprehension of the class readings, you write a thoughtful analysis of the policy issue and the policy process through which it has moved. You have incorporated policy theories and frameworks covered in the Anderson and Fowler texts (You have taken the additional steps to draw on scholarly sources not covered in class to further deepen your analysis.	You have not demonstrated an understanding of the issue and/or there are errors in your discussion of the policy process.
Identification (6 points)	You clearly identify constituencies influencing the policymaking process and provide appropriate reference to evidence and literature to support your contentions.	You do not demonstrate an understanding or awareness of key actors in the policymaking process nor the nature of their influence.
Evidence (5 points)	You provide compelling evidence of both the problem and the policy alternative. The evidence is clearly established in the literature, best practice, and/or social statistics.	The evidence is specious, not clearly connected to the problem/alternative, and/or is missing altogether.
Quality of the writing (2 points)	Your writing has a good flow, is clearly organized, and utilizes appropriate section headings, transitional sentences, and appropriate vocabulary.	You have not clearly organized the paper.
Technical details of the writing (2 points)	You have a minimum of 8 scholarly/peer-reviewed references. You certainly may use newspaper articles as appropriate, but these do NOT substitute for scholarly/peer-reviewed references. You have no spelling or grammatical errors and no typos. You have used APA format impeccably.	You have fewer than 8 scholarly/peer-reviewed references. You have not proofread your work, you did not use APA formatting, and/or you have gone under or over the page limit.