ARTS 1110 Essay Rubric

Course: ARTS-1110-A04 - Introduction to University

Criteria	Description	Criterion Score
Introduction and Thesis	10 points An effective introduction clearly and concisely identifies the arguable proposition that will articulate and limit the focus of the essay. It qualifies the claim being made (i.e., identifies the limits to the claim) and establishes the pattern of organization the essay will employ.	/ 10
Argument and Reasoning	20 points An effective argument is well structured (i.e., there are no flaws in the reasoning). It seeks to convince the reader on the basis of logic and evidence. The writer has demonstrated the way in which the evidence supports the claim being made (i.e., evidence is not merely identified or discussed)	/ 20

Criteria	Description	Criterion Score
Pattern of Organization	20 points The essay is guided by a controlling idea. There is coherence to the essay, with a pattern of organization that complements the argument being made and transitions that reflect the relationship between important ideas. Each paragraph is organized around a single unifying theme. Paragraphs are arranged in a logical order.	/ 20
Conclusion	10 points An effective conclusion returns to the claims that were made in the introduction. The writer synthesizes the essay's main ideas (i.e., does not merely reiterate those ideas) and demonstrates the way in which the essay has established the argument as a reasonable one	/ 10

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Resources/Research	10 points The writer makes effective use of secondary resource material. Cited material is current, relevant and authoritative. Cited material is well integrated to the text. Where annotations are required, the annotations fairly represent the essence of the cited sources and clearly explain the way in which the cited material will be used to enhance the writer's argument	/ 10
Format and Style Title Page	2 points Title page adheres to template on UM Learn	/ 2
Format and Style Page Formatting	2 points All pages follow APA 7 format (margins, spacing, etc.)	/ 2
Format and Style In-text citations	2 points In-text citations adhere to APA format	/ 2

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Format and Style Reference Page	2 points Reference page adheres to APA format	/ 2
Format and Style Text	2 points Text follows APA writing conventions	/ 2
Grammar and Composition	10 points Grammar, syntax, spelling, and punctuation are used effectively 1-5 Difficult to understand 6-8 Persistent errors 9-10 Few errors	/ 10
Diction - precision and clarity in writing	10 points Word Choice (e.g., essay is free of loaded language, ambiguous language, informal language or colloquial/slang language, contractions, and abbreviations)	/ 10
Overall Feedback	0 points	

Total	/ 100

Overall Score

A+	A	B+	B	C+	C	D	F
90 points minimum	80 points minimum	75 points minimum	70 points minimum	65 points minimum	60 points minimum	50 points minimum	0 points minimum