

Grading rubric for APA style research paper

Evaluation

- 10 (Strong)
- 8 (Proficient)
- 6 (Satisfactory)
- 4 (Weak)
- 2 (Unacceptable)

(20 points) Title Page & Abstract

- ____ (10) Title page (running head, page number, title, author name, institute)
- ____ (10) Abstract (what is the topic, who were the participants, what was the study paradigm, what were the key measures, what was the main result, what was the main take-home message and limitation) (maximum 300 words)

(20 points) Introduction

- ____ (10) Background/literature search (What is the topic area? What are the examples from everyday life? What has been done by researchers so far in the field? Give details from previous research findings? What is the theory? Give operational definition of the psychology concepts.)
- ____ (10) Hypothesis development (What is the hypothesis? How did the student come to that hypothesis?)

(40 points) Methods

- ____ (10) Participants (Who were your participants? How many participants did you have?)
- ____ (10) Design (experimental, correlation, etc.? what is the IV and DV?)
- ____ (10) Measures/Materials (How was the IV/variable #1 operationalized? How was the DV/Variable operationalized? What were the materials?)
- ____ (10) Procedure (What did the experimenters do? What did the participants do?)

(40 points) Results

- ____ (10) Report descriptive statistics (What were the means and sd values for IV and DV)
- ____ (10) Report inferential statistics (what were the statistics results, e.g., t-test, ANOVA)
- ____ (10) One good sentence in elaborating the effect
- ____ (10) Tables/figures/graphs

(40 points) Discussion

- ____ (10) Hypothesis, supported or not?
- ____ (10) Interpretation of results; discussion of confounds (if experimental)
- ____ (10) Limitations
- ____ (10) Future potential studies

(40 points) for the remaining sections.

- ____ (10) References (Reference page? At least 3)
- ____ (10) APA Style (Follow APA style in title page, font, margins, spacing)
- ____ (10) APA Style (Follow APA style in citations and references?)
- ____ (10) Proofreading/grammar/clarity (Typing errors? Comma errors? Incomplete sentences? Spelling errors? Scientific writing style)

_____ (points) TOTAL SCORE GRADED

5 points will be deducted for every day that this paper is late.