

Term Paper. Legislative Analysis Grading Matrix

Mechanics

_____ (5 pts)	Citations & References – Use five different references for your paper, cited properly with APA format in text and on separate Reference page
_____ (10 pts)	Format Is the required format followed, i.e. are the major headings of the prompt boldly used to separated sections? 8-page paper?
_____ (5 pts)	Organization & Transitions Are paragraphs and sections organized according to the prompt; Are there smooth linkages and transitions within and between sections?

Analysis

_____ (20 pts)	Overview General description of the problem area of interest. Discuss why this is a problem and how the law analyzed intends to address it. Outline who are the major interest groups or stakeholders for this law. Finally, briefly highlight points of interest regarding the policy/legal context, e.g. when and where the law was considered and adopted. _____ Nature of problem _____ Interest groups involved _____ Policy/legal context Comments: _____ _____ _____
_____ (15 pts)	Historic Analysis Identify a question or two to guide your historical analysis. Collect evidence and summarize what you found. Be sure to include reflection on the history of the problem/issue area and other attempted programmatic or legislative solutions. _____ Guiding questions/framework. (ex. How did the law come about?) _____ Previous programmatic/legislative attempts to address the problem. (ex. What is the nature of past and present laws to address your chosen social problem) Comments: _____ _____ _____

Social Analysis

(20 pts) Describe the problem, goals of the law, and values related to the particular solution/intervention; discuss the roles of various stakeholders; consider influences in terms of race, gender sexual identity and/or other areas according to which discrimination occurs.

_____ Problem description (What is the extend of the problem? Who is impacted; in what ways?
Who says this is a problem, etc.) _____ Goals of the law

_____ Values related to solution offered _____ What roles did stakeholders play?

_____ Considerations of race, gender sexual identity and/or other areas according to which discrimination occurs.

Comments: _____

Economic Analysis

(15 pts) _____ What will/does the law cost?

_____ How will/is it paid for?

_____ Law's effect on the economy, (e.g. behavior of individuals, businesses, and markets). Who wins/Who loses economically (consider both micro & macro financial impacts)

Comments: _____

Recommendations for reform

(10 pts) Provide a detailed proposal recommending immediate &/or future changes to the existing law. This can be your own personal recommendation and/or include recommendations made by organizations/stakeholders to this law (if so, provide references).

_____ What needs to be changed/improved? _____ How would it be implemented?

_____ Is additional funding needed; where would it come from?

Comments: _____

Total Grade

(100 pts)