

OL 320 Short Paper Rubric

Guidelines for Submission: Short papers should use double spacing, 12-point Times New Roman font, and one-inch margins. Sources should be cited according to a discipline-appropriate citation method. Page-length requirements: 1–2 pages (undergraduate courses) or 2–4 pages (graduate courses).

Critical Elements	Exemplary (100%)	Proficient (85%)	Needs Improvement (55%)	Not Evident (0%)	Value
Main Elements	Includes all of the main elements and requirements and cites multiple examples to illustrate each element	Includes most of the main elements and requirements and cites many examples to illustrate each element	Includes some of the main elements and requirements	Does not include any of the main elements and requirements	25
Inquiry and Analysis	Provides in-depth analysis that demonstrates complete understanding of multiple concepts	Provides in-depth analysis that demonstrates complete understanding of some concepts	Provides in-depth analysis that demonstrates complete understanding of minimal concepts	Does not provide in-depth analysis	20
Integration and Application	All of the course concepts are correctly applied	Most of the course concepts are correctly applied	Some of the course concepts are correctly applied	Does not correctly apply any of the course concepts	10
Critical Thinking	Draws insightful conclusions that are thoroughly defended with evidence and examples	Draws informed conclusions that are justified with evidence	Draws logical conclusions, but does not defend with evidence	Does not draw logical conclusions	20
Research	Incorporates many scholarly resources effectively that reflect depth and breadth of research	Incorporates some scholarly resources effectively that reflect depth and breadth of research	Incorporates very few scholarly resources that reflect depth and breadth of research	Does not incorporate scholarly resources that reflect depth and breadth of research	15
Writing (Mechanics/Citations)	No errors related to organization, grammar and style, and citations	Minor errors related to organization, grammar and style, and citations	Some errors related to organization, grammar and style, and citations	Major errors related to organization, grammar and style, and citations	10
Total					100%