

10A RESEARCH PROPOSAL GRADING RUBRIC

STUDENT NAME: _____ PERM #: _____

	Possible points	Points Received
I. Title page	3	
II. Introduction		
• Section is in APA style (correct in text citations)	3	
• Introduces topic of study	5	
• What are general definitions or understanding of the concepts in Psychology		
• Reviews literature on topic ○ Presents other research findings briefly (i.e. what did they do, what did they find & why was it important). Does not present specific statistics	10	
• Rationale—Use previous research and theory to make an argument for your hypothesis (not just a series of summaries)		
• Presents research from minimum of 4 other citations		
• Describes theoretical focus in the paper ○ Explicitly explains current ideas about possible reasons/mechanisms for behavior ○ Connect to other research and to current study hypotheses (Rationale)	10	
• Uses at least 2 citations for theory		
• States purpose of research in the current study (problem to be addressed by the research & how the research will solve the problem identified) & rationale for methods to be used to study	10	
• Describes hypotheses	7	
III. Method		
• Section is in APA style (correct sub sections)	2	
• Clearly identifies design of study	5	
• Participants/subjects --Include information on demographics that will be collected	5	
• Manipulations ○ How is the IV operationalized (with citations) ○ Includes information on materials used in the IV manipulation	10	
• Measures ○ Includes info on all measures (surveys) used--name of test, test version, reference for original, sample items, any modifications of original scale		
• Includes information on other materials/apparatus used & their specifications		
• Procedure	5	
• Includes information on assignment to conditions/groups, conditions that subjects were exposed to/when observed, how manipulations were introduced, what behaviors were recorded, when measures are given and consent and debrief procedures		
IV. Proposed Statistical Analysis (1 paragraph is fine)		
• State the design of your experiment propose your statistical analysis plan	10	
• e.g. This single factor between subjects study has two conditions of the IV (positive vs. negative mood) so the appropriate test is an Independent t-test on the DV (creativity).		
V. References		
• Section is in APA style & Includes all references (minimum of 8) cited in paper	10	
VI. Overall coherence of report Sections follow appropriately from each other, attention to grammar and spelling Uses scientific language and avoids colloquial phrases	5	