

### Rubric - The Introduction section

Include a title page and a placeholder page for the Abstract.

There should be a running head and page numbering properly formatted and located in the upper left and right corners of each page, respectively. We are using the APA formatting style of a “Professional Paper” (see section 2.1 and additional relevant sections of the *Publication Manual of the APA*, 7<sup>th</sup> edition). An “Author’s note” is not mandatory for the title page, but it may be included if you wish to do so.

A properly formatted References page is required at the end.

Per the *APA Publication Manual*, 7<sup>th</sup> edition, you may use one of several fonts: 11-point Calibri, 11-point Arial, 10-point Lucida Sans Unicode, 12-point Times New Roman, 11-point Georgia, or 10-point Computer Modern. You should use the same font throughout the entire assignment (and for all other parts of the project).

The minimum of 650 words does NOT include the Title page, the Abstract page or the References page(s). This minimum also does not include quoted material.

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Grading Criteria	Possible Point range	Points Earned
<b>Content</b>		
Introduction paragraph with statement of the purpose of the study.	0 – 6	
Discussion of relevant literature (minimum of five sources, at least three of these being less than 10 years old) providing a rationale for the study.	0 – 50	
Overview of research method	0 – 12	
State the three hypotheses	0 – 12	
<b>Writing</b>		
<b>Style and Mechanics:</b> Paper is clearly written. Free of grammatical, spelling and punctuation errors. Meets the <i>minimum</i> of 650 words or more (not counting title or references page material; not counting quoted material).	0 – 10	
<b>APA Style:</b> Formatted correctly using APA style; uses both in-text references and a complete reference section at the end of the assignment.	0 – 10	
<b>BONUS/PENALTY (if applicable)</b> (if submitted by Friday before due date: +5%) (if submitted late: -10% per day late; no credit after three (3) days)		
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>100</b>	
An explanation of the points earned, as well as where the assignment could be strengthened will be included with your grade.		