

Professor Park's Grading Rubric for Essay Exams
Spring 2021

	Substantive concerns	Organization and structure	Style and clarity
This is an excellent paper.	The student demonstrates mastery over all facets of topic. 14 to 15 points.	The essay is well-organized, the topics transition logically, and the student presents a persuasive argument rooted in the course materials. 14 to 15 points.	The essay reads beautifully. 9 to 10 points.
This is a good paper.	The student demonstrates considerable aptitude over the topics, but the essay is missing important elements. 12 to 13 points.	The student attempted to structure the response, but the essay shows some weakness in its organization and presentation. 12 to 13 points.	The essay reads okay, although with a few errors in grammar and usage. 7 to 8 points.
This is a mediocre paper.	The student demonstrates competence over the topic. 10 to 11.	The student attempted to structure the response, but the essay shows major weakness in its organization and presentation. 10 to 11 points.	The essay is hard to read. 5 to 6 points.
This isn't a passing paper.	The student offers clear evidence of inattentiveness to the course materials suggesting little or no competence over the topics. 8 to 9 points.	The student seems to have written the thing at the last minute, without tending to organization or to structure. 8 to 9.	The essay is really hard to read. 3 to 4 points.
This is not a passing paper at all.	The student may not be paying any attention at all. 6 to 7 points.	The student seems to have written the thing on the fly. 6 to 7 points.	The essay is super hard to read. 1 to 2 points.