

Texas A&M International University
 Write on, TAMIU!
 Analytical Rubric for Criminal Justice

	Exemplary 4	Accomplished 3	Developing 2	Beginning 1	Unacceptable 0
Focus	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Question/prompt (all sections) is thoroughly and completely answered. ▪ Content is well-developed throughout answer. ▪ Contains well-developed, interesting central ideas. ▪ Clear knowledge of audience. ▪ Answer is specific to question and does not contain irrelevant information that seriously detracts from focus of question. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Question/prompt (all sections) is thoroughly and completely answered. ▪ Content and central idea is developed. ▪ Awareness of audience, situation, occasion. ▪ Contains some irrelevant information but does detract from focus of question. 	<p>Question/prompt (all sections) is answered. Content is not well developed. Answer is not specific to question. Answer contains some irrelevant information but does not significantly detract from focus of question. Occasional awareness of audience, situation, occasion.</p>	<p>Question/prompt (all sections) is not completely answered. Content is not developed. Answer is not specific to question and contains too much irrelevant information that seriously detracts from focus of question. Little or no awareness of audience, situation, occasion.</p>	<p>Question/prompt is not addressed. Content and central ideas are not developed. Contains irrelevant information. No awareness of audience, situation, occasion.</p>
Organization & Development	<p>Organization and development of content is logical. Answer is well structured and contains an introductory paragraph, several body paragraphs, and a conclusion. Paragraphs are effectively developed with excellent elaboration of content. Smooth, sophisticated transitions between and within paragraphs. Interesting, effective, insightful conclusion.</p>	<p>Organization and development of content is logical with minimal errors. Answer is structured and contains an introductory paragraph, several body paragraphs, and a conclusion. Paragraphs are developed with content well discussed/developed. Mostly smooth transitions between and within paragraphs. Concludes paper effectively.</p>	<p>Organization and development of content is adequate. Answer has few problems with structure. Answer either lacks an introductory paragraph, enough body paragraphs, or a well developed conclusion. Content only adequately discussed/developed. Occasional transitions between and within paragraphs. Concludes adequately.</p>	<p>Organization and development of content is insufficient. Answer lacks an introductory paragraph, body paragraphs, or a conclusion. Content poorly discussed/developed. Awkward or missing transitions between and within paragraphs. Weak/mechanical/incomplete conclusion.</p>	<p>Organization and development lacking. Answer has no logic and paragraphs are random and lack explanation. Writing is ineffective; unconvincing discussion of topic. No transitions. Missing, ineffective, dull, incoherent, or irrelevant ending.</p>
	<p>Writing is sophisticated, effective, and appropriate. Diction is accurate.</p>	<p>Writing is usually sophisticated and diction is mostly accurate. Sentence</p>	<p>Writing is unsophisticated but generally accurate diction is used. Some variety in sentence</p>	<p>Writing is mostly simple with often imprecise diction. Sentence length and</p>	<p>Writing is unsophisticated and there is no variation in sentence length and</p>

Style & Sentence Structure	Sentence length and structure varies. Syntax is smooth, clear, and readable. Sentence structure is free of errors. No wordiness.	length and structure is frequently varied. Syntax is frequently smooth, clear, and readable. Sentence structure is frequently free of errors. Little wordiness.	length and structure. Clear, occasionally tangled syntax. Occasional errors with sentence structure. Writing style has some wordiness.	structure mostly simple. Distracting expressions and syntax is used frequently. Sentence structure has frequent errors. Writing is wordy.	structure. Limited and imprecise diction makes writing unreadable. Widespread errors prevents communication of complex ideas. Excessive wordiness.
Grammar & Mechanics	Free of grammatical errors. Free of usage and mechanical errors. Appropriate/correct format.	Few grammatical errors. Infrequent usage and mechanical errors. Appropriate/correct format.	Some grammatical errors. Some usage and mechanical errors. Appropriate/correct format.	Distracting number of grammatical errors. Distracting number of usage and mechanical errors. Incorrect format.	Excessive errors in grammar or mechanical conventions. Distorted, obscure, or incomprehensible meaning. Inappropriate/incorrect format.
Research	In-text citations are provided according to the standards of the APA 5 th edition. Complete absence of plagiarism.	In-text citations are provided using APA 5 th edition with few errors. Complete absence of plagiarism.	In-text citations are provided using APA 5 th edition with frequent errors. Complete absence of plagiarism.	In-text citations are provided but not in APA style. Complete absence of plagiarism.	No in-text citations are provided. Evidence of plagiarism.