

Writing Grading Criteria

Purpose (20%):

- Well-developed thesis
- Introduction establishes the major issues, captures the readers attention
- Conclusion reiterates the argument, addresses the thesis, appeals to the reader

Content (20%):

- Clear development of each idea
- Support for thesis: relevance, strength, credibility.
- Clearly explained examples to support the thesis
- Facts are correct

Organization (25%):

- Strong topic sentences
- Focus on topic within paragraph
- Clear separation of paragraphs, appropriate paragraph breaks
- Points flow logically from paragraph to paragraph and within each paragraph
- Arrangement of ideas, coherence, following from the introduction and leading to the conclusion.
- Appropriate use of references

Mechanics (25%):

- Spelling
- Grammar
- Punctuation
- Syntax, well-constructed, complete sentences
- Word choice, vocabulary
- Clear and efficient style
- Satisfies length requirement
- Submitted on time

Overall effectiveness (10%)