

## Project Paper Rubric

Criteria	Unsatisfactory - Beginning	Developing	Accomplished	Exemplary	Total
<b>Paper Focus: Purpose/ Position Statement</b>	<b>0-13 points</b>	<b>14-15 points</b>	<b>16-17 points</b>	<b>18-20 points</b>	/20
	Fails to identify a relevant research topic or is not clearly defined and/or the paper lacks focus throughout.	Identifies and summarizes a research topic but may be too broad in scope. Focal point is not consistently maintained throughout the paper.	Identifies and summarizes a relevant research topic and a thesis that provides adequate direction for the paper with some degree of interest for the reader. The implementation is given, but may be unclear in parts.	Identifies and summarizes a relevant research topic and a thesis that provides direction for the paper that is engaging and thought provoking. The implementation is clearly defined and motivated.	
<b>Analysis (Central topic current projects)</b>	<b>0-22 points</b>	<b>21-23 points</b>	<b>24-26 points</b>	<b>27-30 points</b>	/30
	Demonstrates a lack of understanding and inadequate analysis of the research topic. Analysis is superficial based on opinions and preferences rather than critical analysis. No projects identified.	Demonstrates general understanding with limited critical analysis of the research topic. Only three projects identified.	Demonstrates an understanding and some critical analysis of the research topic and thesis (argument). Five projects identified.	Demonstrates a sophisticated understanding and careful, critical analysis of the research topic. More than five projects identified with careful and thoughtful analysis of each project.	
<b>Evidence (Sources)</b>	<b>0-22 points</b>	<b>21-23 points</b>	<b>24-26 points</b>	<b>27-30 points</b>	/30
	Lacks sufficient research sources to support the central project and/or, if included, are generally not relevant, accurate, or reliable. Contains numerous factual mistakes, omissions, or oversimplifications. Sources, if included, are not properly referenced and cited in the paper. AMS citation style not followed.	Provides some evidence to support the central project with only a few research sources. Some sources may not be relevant, accurate, and reliable and/or appropriately referenced and cited in the paper.	Provides essential, accurate evidence to support the central project with the required (5) research sources that are mostly relevant, accurate, and reliable. Sources are referenced and cited appropriately throughout the paper for the most part.	Provides compelling and accurate evidence to support in-depth the central project beyond the required (5) research sources. Research sources are highly relevant, accurate, and reliable and add to the strength of the paper; and are effectively referenced and cited throughout the paper.	

## Project Paper Rubric (continued)

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<b>Organization</b>	<b>0-6 points</b>	<b>7 points</b>	<b>8 points</b>	<b>9-10 points</b>	/10
	Paper lacks logical organization and impedes readers' comprehension of ideas. Central project is rarely evident from paragraph to paragraph and/or the paper is missing multiple required components (state of the art, 5 other projects, summary of implementation, justification of implementation, results, reflection, future work, bibliography).	Paper is somewhat organized, although occasionally ideas from paragraph to paragraph may not flow well and/or connect to the central position or be clear as a whole. May be missing a required component and/or components may be less than complete.	Paper is adequately organized. Ideas are arranged reasonably with a progression of thought from paragraph to paragraph connecting to the central position.	Paper is effectively organized. Ideas are arranged logically, flow smoothly, with a strong progression of thought from paragraph to paragraph connecting to the central position. Includes all required components.	
<b>Writing Quality &amp; Adherence to Format Guidelines</b>	<b>0-6 points</b>	<b>7 points</b>	<b>8 points</b>	<b>9-10 points</b>	/10
	Paper shows a below average/poor writing style lacking in elements of appropriate standard English. Frequent errors in spelling, grammar, punctuation, spelling, usage, and/or formatting.	Paper shows an average and/or casual writing style using standard English. Some errors in spelling, grammar, punctuation, usage, and/or formatting.	Paper shows above average writing style and clarity in writing using standard English. Minor errors in grammar, punctuation, spelling, usage, and/or formatting.	Paper is well written and clear. Basically free from grammar, punctuation, spelling, usage, or formatting errors.	
<b>Length of Paper</b>	<b>Deduct 11 points-overall failing</b>	<b>Deduct 1-10 points</b>	<b>0 points deducted</b>	/---	
	Substantially lacks/exceeds the required length	Somewhat lacking the required length.	Paper is submitted by the deadline and meets the required length (5 pages for the body).		
<b>TOTAL POINTS (sum of 6 Criteria)</b>					<b>/100</b>