

CS/SWE 795 Research Paper Rubric

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CATEGORY	Exceptional 20 points	Good 11-15 points	Fair 6-10 points	Poor 0-5 points
Overall Impression	Paper directly addresses main question or issue, and adds new insight to the subject. The paper synthesizes knowledge in new ways and relate to material not covered in the course.	Paper competently addresses main question or issue, but does not add much new insight into the subject. It is clear that some connections were made between knowledge acquired and novel insights.	Paper attempts to address main question or issue, but fails. There are some interesting findings or discussion, but there is little novelty.	Paper does NOT address main question or issue, and it is not clear what the overall goal or outcomes of the research are..
Content & Discussion	There is one clear, well-focused topic and goal. Main idea stands out and is supported by detailed information.	Main idea is clear but the supporting information is general.	Main idea is somewhat clear but there is a need for more supporting information.	The main idea is not clear. There is a seemingly random collection of information
Quality of Research	Paper is exceptionally researched, contains more than 7 references (including at least 4 peer reviewed articles); the sources support the main argument in a logical manner. References are correctly cited.	Information relates to the main topic. Paper, is well-researched and from at least 7 good sources (including at least 3 peer-reviewed articles). References are correctly cited.	Information relates to the main topic, but few details and/or examples are given. Shows a limited variety of sources. References are not cited correctly.	Information has little or nothing to do with the thesis. Information has weak or no connection to the thesis. References are not cited correctly.
Writing	Writing is clear and relevant, with no grammatical and/or spelling errors – polished and professional. Reference, citations and images are properly formatted.	Most ideas are stated clearly and are related to the topic, with only minor grammatical and/or spelling errors. References, citations and images are adequate.	Many ideas require clarification, are off-topic or have little relevance to topic. Many grammatical and/or spelling errors; very challenging to read. Improper references and/or citations section.	Paper does not meet the criteria for the assignment (too short or incomplete, too long, and/or completely off-topic). Reference, citations and images section is missing.
Organization	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 (introduction, body, conclusion, Reference List, etc.).	Paper is adequately organized. Ideas are arranged reasonably with a progression of thought from paragraph to paragraph connecting to the central position. Includes required components (introduction, body, conclusion, Reference List, etc.) for the most part.	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 lacks logical organization and impedes readers' comprehension of ideas. Central position is rarely evident from paragraph to paragraph and/or the paper is missing multiple required components.
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