

## Research Proposal: Guidelines and Rubric

### Research Proposal

The research proposal presents the students' current thinking on their topic. It reflects the work already done and also projects the direction that the paper will take in terms of the thesis, the sources, and the outline.

### Working Title

#### Introduction

This section contains the following integrated components:

- Discussion of topic and problem and why it should matter to others
- Working thesis/research question and secondary questions if applicable.
- Definitions of key terms and ideas (using APA citation)

#### Discussion of Source Material

This section presents the scholarly context of the topic and includes the following:

- A thorough critical analysis of 6-8 scholarly and credible sources. This should include a short summary and critical evaluation of each source in relation to the topic (using APA citation).

#### Outline

- An outline of the proposed organization of the final paper

#### References

- A list of the sources cited in the proposal and those you plan to use for your paper, using APA formatting

**Score for each element is based on both completeness and quality of the thinking and writing.**

Elements	Score
<b>Working title</b>	
<b>Introduction</b>	/ 15
Discussion of topic and problem and why it should matter to others	
Working thesis/research question(s)	
Definitions of key terms and ideas (citing the sources used)	
<b>Discussion of Source Material</b>	/ 50
A thorough critical analysis of 6-8 scholarly and credible sources. This should include a short summary and critical evaluation of each source in relation to the topic (using APA citation)	
<b>Outline</b>	/ 25
An outline of the proposed organization of the research paper	
<b>References</b>	/ 10
A list of the sources cited in the proposal and those you plan to use for your paper, using APA formatting	
<b>TOTAL</b>	/ 100