

Paper Writing Standards

- Short Grading Rubric

A: Excellent; intellectually challenging subject material, cogently argued position with a clear thesis statement, argument follows logical progression, entire paper is clearly written and free of basic errors in grammar, punctuation, etc.

A/B: Very Good; missing one of the components listed above

B: Good; has reasonably strong arguments, but lacks two or more components listed above

B/C: Satisfactory; weak argument and/or unchallenging ideas, several flaws regarding the components listed above

C: Fair; weak argument and/or numerous flaws regarding components listed above

D: Poor; major flaws in all areas

F: Unacceptable; incomplete, incomprehensible, or plagiarized

- Key to Corrections

- awk (awkward): awkwardly constructed sentence
- wc (word choice): poorly chosen word(s), or incorrect use of word(s)
- cap: capitalize
- cit (citation): missing or incorrect citation of a source
- lc: lowercase
- pv: passive voice
- fragment: sentence fragment, incomplete sentence
- transition: choppy transition between paragraphs or sentences
- redundant: unnecessary repetition of point
- source?: missing or incorrect source
- ^: insert suggested word