

DISSERTATION RUBRIC FOR OUTCOMES ASSESSMENT

The faculty has collaborated to construct rubrics for class papers, the candidacy paper, and the dissertation. The dissertation rubric is provided here to help students to understand some of the points of analysis faculty use in analyzing doctoral level scholarly work.

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Content Criteria 40%	<i>Well Developed</i>	<i>Acceptable</i>	<i>Sketch or non-existent</i>
Topic selected has significance for Leadership Studies			
Rationale for the Study (Chapter 1)			
Literature Review (Chapter 2)			
Research Methods (Chapter 3)			
Results of the Study (Chapter 4)			
Conclusions (Chapter 5)			
Thought and Expression Criteria 40%	<i>Excellent: Superior to generally thoughtful analysis of complex ideas</i>	<i>Acceptable: Competent analysis of complex ideas;</i>	<i>Needs extensive work: Serious weaknesses in analysis of complex ideas;</i>
Raises vital questions or issues, formulating them clearly and precisely			
Evidence of breadth and depth: Insightful, in-depth analysis of complex ideas			
Main points are developed and supported with relevant information and references that are appropriately incorporated			
Organization and Logic: Well focused and well organized, well reasoned conclusions. Writing flows; I didn't get lost or have to work to determine what you were saying			
Thinks open-mindedly, within alternative systems of thought, recognizing and assessing, as appropriate, their assumptions, implications, and/or practical consequences.			
Technical Criteria 20%	<i>Excellent: Very few mistakes</i>	<i>Acceptable but needs work</i>	<i>Needs extensive work</i>
Clarity: demonstrates high level of vocabulary through careful word choice, sentences are constructed skillfully and purposefully			
Transitions, summaries and conclusions exist as appropriate			
Grammar, Punctuation, Spelling			
APA style: references are cited properly within the text and a complete reference list is provided; appropriate use of headings			
Scholarly tone: Dissertation is written at the level expected for publication			