

Phys 280 Rpv1 Rubric

Rpv1 submitted late: -15, No writer's memo - 10

Features	Description	Range	Comments
Explanation & argument	<p>includes a thesis statement in the introduction that answers a focused research question developed from the topic chosen in the research paper proposal</p> <p>paper mainly provides an analysis of a problem but ends with a brief explanation and justification of recommended solutions</p> <p>shows clear and effective organization, such as by using (a) a sequence of topic sentences at the beginnings of sections, subsections, and paragraphs that follow a logical outline and (b) unified paragraphs</p>	<p>15%</p> <p>High</p> <p>Mid</p> <p>Low</p>	
Technical-Political Science balance	<p>expresses effective synthesis (does not need to be 50/50)</p>	<p>15%</p> <p>High</p> <p>Mid</p> <p>Low</p>	
Accurate use of concepts	<p>concepts key to audience understanding of the topic you've chosen are presented accurately and with an amount of detail that fits your purpose</p>	<p>10%</p> <p>High</p> <p>Mid</p> <p>Low</p>	
Research, Integration of knowledge, & analysis	<p>provides a thoughtful, informed, and accurate analysis of your answer to the research question</p> <p>integrates research effectively (e.g., research is used to support the writer's explanation and argument (rather than replace it; sources of ideas, facts, words, and expert analysis/opinion are acknowledged)</p> <p>selective and thoughtful use of sources aimed at creating new knowledge by synthesizing and extending the work of others through a mix of summary, paraphrase, and quotation</p>	<p>25%</p> <p>High</p> <p>Mid</p> <p>Low</p>	

Professional style	<p>congruent with the IJOIS journal article style (and readership)</p> <p>security focus (in the class context: nuclear security)</p> <p>research-based analysis and conclusions</p> <p>uses formal language (concise, not colloquial, precise)</p> <p>avoids jargon (i.e., unnecessary and unexplained use of technical language)</p>	<p>15%</p> <p>High</p> <p>Mid</p> <p>Low</p>	
Conformity to conventions	<p>5-6 pages</p> <p>includes cover page with an appropriate title and abstract</p> <p>includes separate reference page</p> <p>includes section headings</p> <p>header block and date in correct format (comment, no deduction)</p> <p>page numbers (except cover page)</p> <p>12-point Times New Roman font throughout (including page numbers)</p> <p>1.25" side margins and 1" top margins and .5" bottom margins.</p> <p>At least six acceptable sources (includes at least one relevant book, chapter of book, or peer-reviewed paper)</p> <p>no more than two assigned readings</p> <p>accurate use of APA style for in-text references and reference list</p> <p>One error -5, Two -10, three or more -15</p>	<p>15%</p> <p>High</p> <p>Mid</p> <p>Low</p>	
Copy editing and use of standard language	<p>First draft does not need to be perfect as you are expected to make higher order revisions before focusing in on a professional product, but out of courtesy for your readers, this draft should be readable (e.g., with accurate, clear, and organized text).</p>	<p>5%</p> <p>High</p> <p>Low</p>	
Overall Comments:			