

Features	Description	Range	Comments for 2–3 Main Features
<b>Topic</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● The broad topic conforms to pre-approved list (unless otherwise approved)</li> <li>● Topic is related to the course (nuclear weapon and arms control)</li> <li>● Information on topic from high-quality sources is available</li> <li>● Rapidly evolving current events will not affect topic</li> </ul>	15%  <b>High</b>  <b>Mid</b>  <b>Low</b>	
<b>Research Question &amp; Thesis Statement</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● RQ and thesis are clearly stated</li> <li>● RQ frames a problem to investigate</li> <li>● RQ reflects expert role</li> <li>● Scope is defined appropriately (neither too wide nor too narrow)</li> <li>● Has potential for both technical and policy aspects</li> <li>● Statement of the research question follows prompt outline</li> </ul>	25%  <b>High</b>  <b>Mid</b>  <b>Low</b>	Technical vs. policy should be explicit
<b>Outline</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Reflects chosen role</li> <li>● Uses sentences for sub-topics</li> <li>● Provides logical progression of ideas</li> <li>● Includes at least four bullet points</li> <li>● Ends each bullet point with a citation</li> <li>● Ends with possible solution, recommended action, or policy proposal</li> </ul>	25%  <b>High</b>  <b>Mid</b>  <b>Low</b>	

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<b>References, Format, &amp; Length</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Proposal is 1 page, with separate page for references (single spaced)</li> <li>● 3–5 sources <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ at least one relevant book, chapter from a book, or peer-reviewed paper</li> <li>○ no more than two assigned readings</li> <li>○ no more than two high-quality newspaper/periodical articles</li> <li>○ no course slides or unapproved online sources</li> </ul> </li> <li>● Citations and references are accurately cited in APA style, as specified by <a href="#">UJOIS</a></li> </ul>	25%   <b>High</b>  <b>Mid</b>  <b>Low</b>	
<b>Copy Editing &amp; Proofreading</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Grammar and mechanics are edited for correctness and readability</li> </ul>	10%   <b>High</b>  <b>Mid</b>  <b>Low</b>	
<b>Overall Comments:</b>			