26p280 RPPv2 Rubric: **No writer's memo: -30** **RPPv2 submitted late: -15**

Features:	Description:	Range	Comments on student paper for each feature (noting problems and strengths):
Research question and thesis statement quality	If RPPv1 was marked acceptable (PASS), the research question and thesis statement are similar to RPPv1. If RPPv1 was marked unacceptable (HOLD), the research question and thesis statement have been substantially revised and reflect the discussion between student and TA. - Research question has a well-defined problem to investigate (-5%) - Thesis statement appropriately answers the research question (-5%) - Both are narrowed appropriately and have potential for technical and policy aspects (-5%)	15% **High** **Mid** **Low**	
Quality of Introduction	The thesis statement is clearly identifiable (-3%) The introduction properly reflects the research question (-3%) The introduction is narrowed appropriately (-3%) **It has potential for both technical and policy aspects (no need for 50/50) (-3%)** ● The introduction is appropriate for use in the research paper (-5%)	15% **High** **Mid** **Low**	
Outline quality	● The outline reflects chosen role (political scientist vs engineer) (-5%) ● Sentence-type outline (-3%) ● Logical, clear, well formatted (-3%) ● Each bullet point is clearly linked to a source in the references section by ● having a citation after it. (-3%) ● Outline is extended from RPPv1, with at least 7 bullet points (-3%)	15% **High** **Mid** **Low**	
Quality of Conclusion	• The recommendation is clearly identifiable. (-5%) ● The conclusion is appropriate for use in the research paper. (-5%)	10% **High** **Mid** **Low**	

Appropriate references, annotated bibliography, and paper length	- At least 6 sources with at least one relevant book, chapter from a book, or peer-reviewed paper - No more than two assigned readings - No more than two newspaper articles (these only from high-quality papers) - Documents are from reputable sources and cited as such - Citations are in American Psychological Association (APA) style, as specified by IJOIS - Proposal is single-spaced and 1-1.5 pages with additional separate pages for references. - Each reference is annotated with a 1-2 sentence description of how the reference is relevant and how it will be used in the research paper.	20% **High** **Mid** **Low**	
Copy editing & use of standard language	• Accurate use of APA style for in-text references and reference list	5% **High** **Mid** **Low**	
Use of AI	• **AI Disclosure & Prompt Links:** The Writer's Memo includes a clear AI disclosure statement and valid, accessible links to the AI chat logs. • **Zero Hallucinations (Verification):** All facts and references are strictly verified. No hallucinated, fake, or fabricated sources/information are used in the proposal or reference list. 10% deducted for each fabricated source.	20% **High** **Mid** **Low**	
Overall Comments:			