



### POL 210 Outline Rubric

The research outline is a comprehensive outline that provides a formal roadmap of the research paper from introduction to final conclusion. You will discuss your research topic in detail, showing the intent of your research paper. Due to the “real-life” initiative, you are free to utilize a cross-section of reference materials including but not limited to newspapers, magazines, journal articles, scholarly books, and even information gathered through the interviews of the individuals involved in the project.

**Guidelines for Submission:** The research outline must follow these formatting guidelines: double spacing, 12-point Times New Roman font, one-inch margins, and APA citations. There is no required length to this assignment, but it must include the elements listed above and in the rubric.

Critical Elements	Exemplary (100%)	Proficient (85%)	Needs Improvement (55%)	Not Evident (0%)	Value
<b>Outline Elements</b>	Includes a well-developed topic statement, themes, and questions to be explored	Includes a developed topic statement, themes, and questions to be explored	Includes a somewhat developed topic statement, themes, and questions to be explored	Does not include a topic statement, themes, and questions to be explored	40
<b>Critical Thinking</b>	Demonstrates comprehensive exploration of issues and ideas before accepting or forming an opinion or conclusion	Demonstrates moderate exploration of issues and ideas before accepting or forming an opinion or conclusion	Demonstrates minimal exploration of issues and ideas before accepting or forming an opinion or conclusion	Does not demonstrate exploration of issues and ideas before accepting or forming an opinion or conclusion	20
<b>Ethical Reasoning</b>	Effectively assesses ethical values and the social context of problems, recognizes ethical issues and dilemmas in a variety of settings, and considers alternative actions appropriate to the topic	Assesses ethical values and the social context of problems, recognizes ethical issues and dilemmas in a variety of settings, and considers alternative actions appropriate to the topic with moderate effectiveness	Assesses some ethical values and the social context of problems; recognizes some ethical issues and dilemmas appropriate to the topic, but only in some settings	Is not able to assess ethical values and the social context of problems; does not recognize ethical issues and dilemmas or consider alternative actions	10
<b>Research</b>	Incorporates at least five reputable resources effectively that reflect depth and breadth of research	Incorporates four reputable resources effectively that reflect depth and breadth of research	Incorporates three reputable resources that reflect depth and breadth of research	Incorporates fewer than three reputable resources that reflect depth and breadth of research	20
<b>Writing (Mechanics/ Citations)</b>	No errors related to organization, grammar and style, and citations	Minor errors related to organization, grammar and style, and citations	Some errors related to organization, grammar and style, and citations	Major errors related to organization, grammar and style, and citations	10
<b>Earned Total</b>					<b>100%</b>