Southern New Hampshire University

CJ 430 Short Paper Guidelines and Rubric

Guidelines for Submission: Short paper assignments must follow these formatting guidelines: double spacing, 12-point Times New Roman font, one-inch margins, and discipline-appropriate citations. Short papers should be 1–2 pages in length.

Critical Elements	Exemplary (100%)	Proficient (85%)	Needs Improvement (55%)	Not Evident (0%)	Value
Main Elements	Includes all of the main elements and requirements and cites multiple examples to illustrate each element	Includes most of the main elements and requirements and cites many examples to illustrate each element	Includes some of the main elements and requirements	Does not include any of the main elements and requirements	25
Inquiry and Analysis	Provides in-depth analysis that demonstrates complete understanding of multiple concepts in context of paper's specific subject matter	Provides in-depth analysis that demonstrates complete understanding of some concepts in context of paper's specific subject matter	Provides in-depth analysis that demonstrates complete understanding of minimal concepts in context of paper's specific subject matter	Does not provide in-depth analysis indicating any understanding of subject matter	25
Critical Thinking	Draws insightful conclusions that are thoroughly defended with evidence and examples	Draws informed conclusions that are justified with evidence	Draws logical conclusions, but does not defend with evidence	Does not draw logical conclusions	25
Research	Incorporates many scholarly resources effectively that reflect depth and breadth of research	Incorporates some scholarly resources effectively that reflect depth and breadth of research	Incorporates very few scholarly resources that reflect depth and breadth of research	Does not incorporate scholarly resources that reflect depth and breadth of research	15
Writing (Mechanics/ Citations)	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
				Earned Total	**100%**