

GRADING RUBRIC

		Possible points	Earned points	Comments
TITLE PAGE	Is title page included?	1		
INTRODUCTION	Research question- Did they state their research question?	2		
	Hypothesis- Did they state their hypothesis? Is it directional? Did they explain the reason they made that hypothesis (evidence for the hypothesis?)	2		
	Interest- Did they explain why they were interested in this research question?	1		
	Background information - Did they provide background information about the topic? Did they reference the class lectures, journal articles, textbook, or course supplementary materials? Is it appropriate (peer-reviewed, academic, reliable and valid sources)?	1		
METHOD	Did they discuss the participants? How many participants answered the survey, who are the participants?	2		
	Did they define the variables? This should include the survey questions, discussing whether these were open ended, Likert-type, etc. questions)	2		
	Did they describe the procedures of this study and how it was distributed, etc.?	1		
RESULTS	Did they provide the means (including units) of the variables of interest?	2		
	Did they provide at least one other set of numeric descriptive data (percentages, ratios)?	2		
	Did they include a graph or table? Title and labels?	2		
DISCUSSION	Did they include a discussion of the results in the context of their introductory background information? Did they make conclusions about their research results?	1		
	Did they describe what they learned about the experience of conducting a study about criminal justice?	1		
	Was the communication clear and understandable to any adult reader who might be interested in the research question?	1		
REFERENCES	Did they include a reference page using APA-style citation?	2		
	Did they cite their references within the text of their presentation using APA formatting?	2		
TOTAL POINTS		25		