

MAE 124 / ESYS 103
Evaluation Criteria/Questions

Keep these criteria and questions in mind as you write your papers. Your instructor and peers will evaluate your paper based on this form.

Multiple Choice

1. Thesis (i.e. position or main contention)
 - a. The thesis was extremely clear and precise.
 - b. The thesis was generally understandable.
 - c. The thesis was only hinted at.
 - d. The thesis was not state clearly.

2. Support and evidence
 - a. The thesis was supported through the use of details, examples, and citations.
 - b. The thesis was generally well supported.
 - c. The thesis was could use more support.
 - d. The thesis lacked supporting evidence. Generalizations were a problem.

3. Overall Organization
 - a. The paper was well organized, ideas well expressed, and the paper followed a logical progression.
 - b. The paper organization was acceptable and one could follow the ideas and logic.
 - c. The paper could have been better organized, could have been expressed ideas more clearly, and the progression of ideas could have been more logical.
 - d. The paper was not well organized, ideas were too general or unclear, and the progression of the paper from thesis to summary was hard to follow.

4. Paragraph Organization
 - a. All paragraphs were organized around a topic sentence.
 - b. Most paragraphs were organized around a topic sentence.
 - c. Few paragraphs were organized around a topic sentence.
 - d. Paragraphs were not organized around a topic sentence.

5. Overall Assessment
 - a. The paper was outstanding. It demonstrated superior understanding of the issue and made a strong case.
 - b. The paper was good. It demonstrated understanding of the issue and made a decent case.
 - c. The paper was acceptable. It demonstrated some understanding of the issue and was somewhat convincing.
 - d. The paper was not acceptable. The paper did not demonstrate sufficient understanding of the issue and was unconvincing.

Short Answer (Use and attach a separate sheet of paper)

6. What is the Thesis (position, or main contention) of the paper?

7. Is the thesis clearly and logically supported? Provide an example of how the author attempts to support the thesis.

8. Does the author rely on relevant, credible evidence to support contentions? If possible, provide an example of a relevant, credible evidence cited by the author.

9. What parts of this paper most need revision?

10. What do you feel is a strength of this paper?