

Final Paper Rubric

Course: FSCT 7910

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Total Points: 100

Criteria	Excellent (A)	Good (B)	Satisfactory (C)	Needs Improvement (D/F)
Abstract (5 pts)	Clear, concise summary of research problem, methods, results, and conclusions.	Summarizes main components; minor clarity issues.	Provides basic summary; missing some elements.	Missing or unclear abstract.
Introduction (5 pts)	Clearly presents research problem, context, significance, and objectives.	Presents research problem and context; minor gaps.	Basic introduction; limited context/objectives.	Weak or missing introduction.
Literature Review (10 pts)	Comprehensive review of relevant sources; critically analyzed; clear synthesis.	Covers relevant literature; some minor gaps.	Limited coverage; minimal critical analysis.	Insufficient or irrelevant; lacks analysis/synthesis.
Methodology (30 pts)	Research design clearly explained (survey, interviews, qualitative/quantitative methods); rationale justified; replicable; methods address research gap.	Methods explained with minor gaps; mostly addresses research gap.	Methods described but lacks clarity, justification, or linkage to research gap.	Methods unclear, incomplete, inappropriate; does not address research gap.
Data Analysis / Evaluation (20 pts)	Thorough, appropriate analysis; results clearly presented; visualizations support findings; evaluation addresses research gap.	Analysis appropriate; minor gaps in interpretation.	Basic analysis; limited evaluation of research gap.	Analysis missing, incorrect, or inappropriate; research gap not addressed.
Discussion (15 pts)	Insightful discussion linking results to research questions, literature, and research gap; critical evaluation of findings.	Discussion connects results to research questions/literature; minor gaps in evaluation.	Basic discussion; limited connection to results or literature.	Weak or missing discussion; does not connect to research questions or literature.

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Conclusion & Future Work (10 pts)	Clearly summarizes how research gap has been addressed; provides well-justified next steps and future directions.	Summarizes research gap resolution; future work suggested but less detailed.	Minimal summary; limited future work or vague suggestions.	Conclusion missing or unclear; future work not addressed.
Organization & LaTeX Formatting (5 pts)	Paper professionally formatted in LaTeX; proper sectioning, figures, tables, references; easy to read.	Minor formatting/structural issues; mostly clear.	Several formatting or structural issues; readability affected.	Poor formatting; missing sections or figures; hard to read.