

POLI_SCI 210 Winter 2026 Rubrics

Research Design Critique

1. Summarizes and shows understanding of question, relevance, theory, and conclusion of the study
2. Discusses research design and methods for the primary findings in sufficient detail
3. Presents an extension discussing what could be done differently if one were to conduct a new version of the study. The proposed changes are explained in sufficient detail, connect with the course material, and are feasible to implement
4. 700-1000 words

AI Memo

1. Discusses topic relevant to corresponding week of lecture or textbook material
2. Introduces main goal and explains why it was chosen
3. Accurately describes the AI's response, summarizing and explaining the conversation in one's own words
4. Compares the response from the AI with the corresponding aspect of course material. At least one of the following should be addressed in sufficient detail: Why is it different from the course material? Why is it more/less helpful than what is covered in the textbook or lectures? Do you feel the recommended sources (if any) are credible?
5. 500-1000 words
6. Includes transcript of conversation with AI in the document, as separate file, or external URL