

Position Paper Assessment Rubric: Issues in Human Ecology

Expectations **Communication**

Exceeds Expectations 2

Consistently uses language and grammar appropriate to context.

Develops logical arguments.

Maintains objective tone and willingness to consider others' arguments.

Meets Expectations 1

Inconsistently uses appropriate language and grammar.

Arguments are defensible but sometimes inconsistent or difficult to follow.

Tone is objective.

Below Expectations 0

Uses inappropriate and/or simplistic language and/or grammar.

Arguments are inconsistent or incoherent.

Communicates disinterest in alternative views or dismisses alternative views without examination.

Critical thinking

Clearly comprehends and explains core issue.

Demonstrates broad understanding of the facts related to the issue.

Analyzes and logically interprets factual information. Offers alternative explanations for observed facts.

Comprehends core issue.

Demonstrates basic familiarity the facts related to the issue.

Demonstrates ability to assess and interpret factual information.

Shows little or no comprehension of the core issue.

Little or no evidence of familiarity with the facts related to the issue.

Little or no demonstrable ability to assess and interpret factual information.