Department of Political Science

Assessment Rubric

Excellent (4); Satisfactory (3 and 2); Unsatisfactory (1)

CONTENT:

4—The student work completely meets all expectations about content knowledge (acquiring the basic information about comparative government and politics or about research methods)

3—The student work meets expectations about content knowledge but has a few incorrect facts or a few general statements (lacks specifics) or a few methods errors.

2—The student work meets expectations about content knowledge but has some incorrect facts, some general statements (lacks specifics), some methods errors, or doesn’t complete all parts of assignment.

1—The student work does not meet minimal expectations about content knowledge (incorrect facts; generalizations; methods mistakes; incomplete work or not relevant to assignment).

COMMUNICATION:

4—The student work completely meets all expectations: clear communication of information; grammatically correct; and presents well-organized, logical, and evidence-based arguments.

3—The student work meets expectations but has a few problems with clarity, grammar, organization, logic or evidence.

2—The student work meets expectations but has problems with clarity, grammar, organization, logic or evidence.

1—The student work does not meet minimal expectations of clarity, grammar, organization, logic, or evidence or is not relevant to assignment.

METHODS:

4—The student work completely meets all expectations about applying social science research methods and problem solving.

3—The student work meets expectations but has a few mistakes.

2—The student work meets expectations about has some mistakes or is limited to description.

1—The student work does not meet minimal expectations about methods (inappropriate methods, major mistakes, is incomplete or not relevant to assignment).