Rubric for MATH 4394 - Written Project

Category	Exceeds Expectations	Meets Expectations	Needs Improvement	Inadequate
Motivation	The concepts or the problem		The concepts or the problem	The concepts or the problem
	studied is well explained and	' '	studied is poorly explained and	studied is not explained or
	motivated. It addresses where it	_	motivated. It has general	motivated. It has vague
	fits in its mathematical realm, our		statements about applications. It	statements about aplications
	general knowledge, or how it	· ·	has a few sources.	without any citations.
	applies in other disciplines. It cites	general knowledge, or how it		
	diverse sources.	applies in other disciplines. It cites		
		mostly primary sources.		
	(4 points)	(3 points)	(2 points)	(0 points)
Research Topic	The main research topic is clearly	The main research topic is	The main research topic is briefly	The main research topic is not
	presented with self-contained	presented with definitions,	addressed. Some of the	well-defined. Most of the
	definitions, examples, analysis,	examples, analysis, and a cohesive	definitions definitions, examples,	definitions definitions, examples,
	and a cohesive conclusion.	conclusion. Citations are used to	analysis, or conclusions are	analysis, or conclusions are
	Citations are used to strengthen	replace some of the discussion.	missing. Citations are used to	missing. Citations are used to
	the discussion.		replace most of the discussion.	replace all of the discussion.
	(4 points)	(3 points)	(2 points)	(0 points)
Topic Mastery	There are technical details of	There are technical details of	There are technical details of	There are few to none technical
	advanced mathematics with clear	advanced mathematics for most	advanced mathematics for some	details of advanced mathematics.
	arguments and proofs. The	arguments and proofs. The	arguments and proofs. The	The explanations are missing and
	explanations goes beyond the	explanations are from the primary	explanations are mostly	when present are reproductions
	primary sources.	sources and are too	reproductions from the primary	or citations from the primary
		advanced/elementary	sources.	sources.
	(5 points)	(3 points)	(1 points)	(0 points)
Math Mastery	The mathematical terminology	The mathematical terminology	The mathematical terminology	The mathematical terminology
	and language is precise and	and language is correct but not	and language is precise and	and language has many errors.
	unambiguous. There are	uniform. The student provides	unambiguous. There are few	There are no appropriate
	appropriate examples, analogies,	appropriate examples, analogies,	appropriate examples, analogies,	examples, analogies, and
	and counterexamples when	and counterexamples when	and counterexamples.	counter examples.
	needed.	needed.		
	(5 points)	(3 points)	(2 points)	(1 points)

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Depth of Discussion.	research topic that includes		The analysis of the research topic has definitions and solution or	The analysis of the research topic does not include definitions and
			partial solutions that uses the	solution or partial solutions are
	-	or partial solutions that uses the	materials from the primary	done by citing primary sources.
	,	materials from the primary	sources.	
		sources and occasionally from		
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	(5 points)	(3 points)	(1 points)	(0 points)
Integration of Knowledge	There are insights on implications,		There are some general insights	There are few to no insights on
	applications, and possible	implications, applications, and	on implications, applications, and	implications, applications, and
		possible extensions of the results	possible extensions of the results	possible extensions of the results.
	_	which are discussed throughout	which are discussed in a few	
	<u>' '</u>	the paper.	sections of the paper.	
	(4 points)	(3 points)	(2 points)	(1 points)
Spelling and	, , , ,	Minimal spelling and/or grammar	Noticeable spelling and grammar	Unacceptable number of spelling
Grammar	mistakes, including LaTeX.	mistakes, including LaTeX.	mistakes, including LaTeX.	and/or grammar mistakes,
				including LaTeX.
	(4 points)	(3 points)	(2 points)	(1 points)
Sources N = 8 (or set by advisor) M = 4 (or set by advisor)		Around N sources, of which at	At least 3 sources, but fewer than	Fewer than 3 sources with at least
	· ·	least M are peer-review journal	N sources and less than M are	one which is a peer-review journal
	<u> </u>	articles or scholarly books. All web	l [·]	articles or scholarly books. Not all
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	authoritative (no Wikipedia).	Wikipedia).	any, are credible.	Wikipedia).
	(2 points)	(1 points)	(0.5 points)	(0 points)
Citations		Cites most data obtained from	Cites some data obtained from	Does not cite sources.
	• •	other sources. Uses an approved	other sources. Citation style is	
	· ·	AMS style in both text and	either inconsistent or incorrect.	
	- ' '	bibliography.		
	(2 points)	(1 points)	(0.5 points)	(0 points)

Total Points: