

## ***Research Option- Final Project Grading Rubric***

***(OUTSIDE AND INSIDE THE UNITED STATES, USE THE SAME RUBRIC)***

***Step 1: Choose a current issue that adversely impacts people of African descent in the United States. (Make sure your topic has been approved.)***

***Step 2: Choose a current issue outside the United States that adversely impacts people of African descent. (Make sure your topic has been approved.)***

***Step 3: Create a cover page with Your Name, your major, The Course Name, and The Title of your Research; state in parentheses after the title inside the United States or outside of the United States***

***Step 4: Within your paper, make sure you have a heading for each section (Problem, Purpose Statement, Relevant Research, and Solution & Summary) IN THIS SPECIFIC ORDER***

***Step 5: Create a citation page APA Style (At least 10 sources per issue) (10 SOURCES FOR BOTH ISSUES) (THAT IS A TOTAL OF 20 SOURCES)***

***Step 6: Submit on CANVAS (two attachments). Label Each Attachment (Inside the United States for the first attachment and Outside the United States for the second attachment ) ( THE ATTACHMENTS MUST BE A PDF FILE) - NO LINKS or PASSWORD-PROTECTED FILES. The assignment will not be graded if it is not a PDF file.***

***Step 7: Use the same rubric for each research topic (outside the United States and inside the United States)***

	100 Points	80-99 Points	60-79 Points	0-59 points
<p><u>Problem Statement</u> (Should be at least 250 words) The problem statement details a <b>specific problem or asks a specific question about an issue or topic.</b></p>	<p>The problem statement is presented clearly and concisely, uniquely outlining a significant issue facing people of African descent.</p>	<p>The problem statement is clear; however, it could be presented more precisely and uniquely. The problem could be more specific.</p>	<p>The problem statement is unclear and lacks uniqueness. It does not give the reader any direction regarding the research's direction.</p>	<p>The problem statement is poorly written and fails to provide the reader with clarity about the subject matter.</p>
<p><u>Purpose Statement</u> (Should be at least 500 words) The purpose statement is a personal testimony that gives the student's reason for choosing the topic for research.</p>	<p>The purpose statement clearly defines the student's motivation for choosing the topic. It is original and thought-provoking, capturing the reader's attention. The student is insightful and offers the reader engaging insight.</p>	<p>The purpose statement is clear, but could be clearer. The writer provides original thoughts that are thought-provoking and engaging.</p>	<p>The purpose statement lacks continuity and passion. It does not provide the reader with ample information regarding the subject matter. It does not fully explain why the student has chosen this topic.</p>	<p>The subpar purpose statement lacks clarity and is not appealing.</p>
<p><u>Relevant Research</u> The student presents research about their topic (At least 1,000 words) <b>An APA-style citation page should be included at the end of the paper.</b> You should have at least 10 sources for each issue.</p>	<p>The writer does an exemplary job summarizing previous research on the topic. The research ties into each section of the project. It contains a citation page that adequately documents the sources used.</p>	<p>The writer does an adequate job of summarizing previous research completed on this topic. It mainly ties into the other sections of the project. It contains a citation page that adequately documents the sources used.</p>	<p>The summary of previous research on this topic is inadequate, and the citation page does not adequately document the sources used.</p>	<p>The writer provides a subpar summary of previous research and does not adequately document the sources used.</p>

<p><b><u>Summary and Solution</u></b>  The student summarizes the problem statement and purpose statement, and reviews relevant research, then devises a solution to the problem. (At least 500 words or more)</p>	<p>The writer develops a well-thought-out, logical, and feasible solution to the problem backed by substantial, sound reasoning. The writer offers the reader a point of view they may never have explored or considered, articulating it in a new and insightful way.</p>	<p>The writer develops a somewhat well-thought-out, logical, and feasible solution with sufficient sound reasoning. The writer presents a point of view that has been explored, but articulates and constructs it well.</p>	<p>The writer does not develop a well-thought-out, logical, and feasible solution, and the reasoning is not always adequate.</p>	<p>The writer does not develop a well-thought-out, logical, and feasible solution. It significantly lacks substance and thought.</p>
<p>Points</p>	<p>100</p>	<p>80-99</p>	<p>60-79</p>	<p>0-59</p>