

Short Term Paper Grading Criteria

Grades for short term papers will be based on the criteria in the following chart. Each criteria will be graded on a 4 point scale from 2-5 (with 0 or 1 points possible for serious omissions).

Criteria (points)	5	4	3	2
Communication	concepts are articulated clearly	concepts are articulated pretty well	difficult to comprehend what is being articulated	practically impossible to comprehend what is being articulated
Grammar, spelling, structure, etc.	completely correct	a few errors, but not too distracting	serious or frequent errors are distracting	errors hinder communication significantly
Format/Presentation	professional looking	looks good, easily readable, nothing distracting	one or more things are distracting (e.g. font choice, spacing, how a diagram/equation is presented, etc.)	sloppy or disorganized
Focus	maintains a focus on the main topic(s) of the paper	mostly focused on the main topic(s), with a minor off topic diversion	paper is off topic in several places	little focus on the main topic(s) is evident
Comprehension/Understanding	a clear understanding of the concepts is demonstrated	an understanding of most of the concepts is demonstrated but something that is omitted or included suggests a lack of understanding of a minor detail	some understanding of the concepts is demonstrated but several things that are omitted or included suggests a lack of understanding of more than one minor detail	little to no understanding of the concepts is demonstrated
Accuracy/Correctness	everything in the paper is factually correct and there are no misleading statements	almost everything in the paper is factually correct and there is at most one misleading statements	several things in the paper are inaccurate or misleading	the paper contains a lot of inaccurate and/or misleading statements
Depth	all relevant information is given in the appropriate amount of detail	most relevant information is given in the appropriate amount of detail, with too much or little detail given about one topic	too much or little detail given about several topics	serious omission of details and/or way too much detail about one or more topics that are not central to the paper