

Rubric for Grading Experiment 2 – EXP 4507L

Paper Element	Needs Significant Improvement	Minor Errors: Meets Expectations	Minimal Errors: Outstanding Work	Points Possible	Points Earned
Title Page	Missing some or all elements; frequent formatting errors	Some elements missing or minor formatting errors	All elements present and properly formatted.	3	
Method	Important details were omitted or excessive inclusion of irrelevant detail; Subheadings not used or used ineffectively (wrong headings used for some information); Important errors in fact (1 – 3)	Some relevant details missing or irrelevant details were included; Subheadings used but might not be used optimally; Minor errors in fact (4 – 6)	All relevant procedural details provided; Subheadings are used properly to organize material; Factually correct (7 – 9)	9	
Results					
Verbal Description of Findings	Missing or inaccurate	Findings described in a superficial way: Description merely reproduces the list of means presented in the table or figure	Complete verbal description of the findings that draws attention to the important trends or contrasts observed in the data	3	
Figure or Table	Missing or containing major errors in APA format or accuracy of data presented	Minor errors in APA format and/or accuracy of data	APA format is correct (meaningful title, labels for axes or table elements); data are presented accurately	3	
Statistical Analysis & Conclusions	Missing or containing many errors in APA format and/or accuracy of statistical data (1 – 3)	Minor errors in APA format and/or minor errors in accuracy of statistical data; omission of one or more elements of the statistical analysis (4 – 6)	APA format is correct; Statistical data are accurate and reported completely. Each of the different hypotheses tested is addressed appropriately. (7 – 9)	9	
Discussion	Missing. Does not draw conclusions based on the data reported. Results are not clearly connected with published theory or research findings. Criticisms of study focus on minor issues. (1 – 2)	Conclusions drawn about the research hypotheses but may not be well-supported by the findings reported. Did not connect findings reported to the existing literature. Minimal discussion of strengths and weaknesses of the study. (3 – 4)	Conclusions drawn are justified by data. Data are discussed appropriately as evidence for conclusions. Findings are related to existing literature. Evaluation of strengths and weaknesses of the study are well-reasoned. (5 – 6)	6	
References	Missing or major errors in APA format and/or omissions of cited work (or failure to cite work in text of the paper)	Minor errors in APA format and/or minor omissions of cited work	APA format is correct; All work cited is included in references: All references listed were cited in the paper; Citations are provided when needed for material in paper	3	
Use of APA Style	APA style not used or errors in APA are frequent and involve substantial aspects of APA style	Multiple errors in APA style, some minor, others more substantial	APA format is essentially correct; few errors involving only minor points of APA style	3	
Quality of Writing	Frequent errors in spelling, punctuation, or grammar. Should consult the writing lab for future papers (1)	Minor errors in spelling, punctuation or grammar; Needs some work with organization and/or clarity in use of language (2 or 3)	Clear use of language, well-organized, correct use of spelling, punctuation, and grammar (4 or 5)	5	
TOTAL				44	