

**USF Sarasota-Manatee
B.A. in Interdisciplinary Social Sciences
Assessment Scoring Rubric**

Sample Number _____ Assessor _____ Academic Year _____

Discipline-Specific Knowledge and Skills

OUTCOME 1 Demonstrate understanding of the principles, methods, and theories informing an interdisciplinary analysis of the social sciences.				
Areas of Competency (Discipline-Specific Knowledge & Skills)	4 Exceeds expectations	3 Meets expectations	2 Falls short of expectations	1 Falls far short of expectations
Research question(s) are appropriate for social scientific analysis				
Research question(s) are interdisciplinary, relating to two social science disciplines				
Writing illustrates an understanding of the principles informing the social sciences				
Writing illustrates an understanding of the role of theory in social science				
Writing illustrates an understanding of social science methodology				

OUTCOME 2 Demonstrate conversance with the important facts, principles, and theories of interdisciplinary social sciences.				
Areas of Competency (Discipline-Specific Knowledge & Skills)	4 Exceeds expectations	3 Meets expectations	2 Falls short of expectations	1 Falls far short of expectations
Utilizes 5 academic (peer-reviewed) sources from discipline 1				
Utilizes 5 academic (peer-reviewed) sources from discipline 2				
Applies recognized theoretical perspective(s) from discipline 1				
Applies recognized theoretical perspective(s) from discipline 2				
Illustrates discipline-specific knowledge by contrasting perspectives from two disciplines				

OUTCOME 3 Analyze, synthesize and evaluate research ideas from at least two social science disciplines.				
Areas of Competency (Discipline-Specific Knowledge & Skills)	4 Exceeds expectations	3 Meets expectations	2 Falls short of expectations	1 Falls far short of expectations
Synthesizes relevant empirical research from discipline 1				
Synthesizes relevant empirical research from discipline 2				
Evaluates relevant research ideas from discipline 1				
Evaluates relevant research ideas from discipline 2				
Illustrates discipline-specific knowledge by comparing research ideas from two disciplines				

Critical Thinking Skills

OUTCOME 4 Demonstrate awareness of appropriate analysis techniques, qualitative and/or quantitative, by synthesizing and evaluating previous research and making recommendations for future research.				
Areas of Competency (Critical Thinking Skills)	4 Exceeds expectations	3 Meets expectations	2 Falls short of expectations	1 Falls far short of expectations
Provides relevant qualitative data when appropriate				
Provides relevant quantitative data when appropriate				
Identifies limitations of analytical strategies employed in previous research				
Evaluates state of current empirical research on the selected topic				
Discusses suggestions for future research				

Communication Skills

OUTCOME 5 Develop effective written presentations.				
Areas of Competency (Communication Skills)	4 Exceeds expectations	3 Meets expectations	2 Falls short of expectations	1 Falls far short of expectations
Clearly delineates research question(s)				
Well-written and free of errors				
Provides proper citation credit for all sources				
Follows APA format				