

Evaluation criteria for GSM Research Projects

Criteria	A+ 90% >	A 80% - 89%	B 70% - 79%	C 60% - 69%	F – 59% <
Introduction	Clearly and eloquently identifies a central argument.	Identifies central argument reasonably clearly.	Identifies central argument but not very clearly.	Does not identify central argument but it can be discerned.	Does not identify central argument.
Originality	Creative, intellectually adventurous, and leaps into new territory.	Expands rather than alters the thinking of a field.	Applies someone else's idea in a new field.	Applies someone else's idea in the same field.	Applies someone else's ideas, methods without any adaptation at all.
Research questions/hypothesis	Defines in an original way and identifies key components.	Defines clearly and identifies key components.	Definition is strong but needs refinement of key components.	Definition is incomplete and minimally specifies components.	Definition is not clear.
Awareness of the issue	Defines the issue and its context in an original way and identifies key components.	Clearly defines the issue and its context and identifies key components.	Definition of the issue and its context is strong but needs refinement of key components.	Definition of the issue and its context is incomplete and specification of key components is minimal.	Does not define the issue or its context.
Survey of relevant literature	Shows an excellent grasp of relevant literature and of their parts.	Shows a good grasp of relevant literature and of their parts.	Shows average grasp of relevant literature and of their parts.	Shows poor grasp of relevant literature and of their parts.	Shows extremely poor grasp of relevant literature and of their parts.
Method of data collection	The link between research questions and methods is original and imaginative and addresses all technical questions of methods extremely well	Research questions align with methods. Limitations, ethical issues, and validity are addressed.	Research questions align with methods. Limitations, ethical issues, and validity issues are noted.	Research questions somewhat align with methods. Limitations, ethical issues and validity are mostly addressed.	Research questions matches methods only very weakly. Most issues of methods are unaddressed
Analysis of findings/results	Extremely well defined, well developed and persuasive	Reasonably well defined, well developed and persuasive	At times missing.	Can be discerned with great effort.	There is none
Provision of evidence and source materials	Facts and source materials are rich, detailed and appropriate.	Facts and source materials are appropriate but not very rich or detailed.	Facts and source materials is missing in many parts	Facts and source materials is missing in most parts.	There are no facts and source materials supporting the thesis.
Sentence construction and grammar	All sentences are complete and grammatical.	All sentences are reasonably complete and grammatical.	Most sentences are complete and grammatical.	Large majority of sentences are ungrammatical and incomplete.	Almost all sentences are incomplete and ungrammatical

Citation in the text and in the list of references	Sources of information and ideas are consistently and correctly cited.	Sources of information and ideas are reasonably consistently and correctly cited	Sources of information and ideas are not always consistently nor correctly cited	Citations of sources of information and ideas are missing in several places.	Sources of information and ideas are not cited.
Overall structure	Overall structure of the paper as a whole is logical and quickly apparent.	Overall structure of the paper is reasonably logical and apparent.	Overall structure of the paper is apparent but not always logical.	Overall structure of the paper is not logical or apparent but can be discerned with effort	Overall structure of the paper in neither logical nor apparent
Conclusion	Summarizes very well, points out shortcomings, identifies areas where further research is needed	Summarizes reasonably well, points out shortcomings, identifies areas where further research is needed.	Summarizes but by and large repeats what has been presented in the text.	The conclusion is discernible only with an effort.	There is no conclusion.
Required length and appropriate format	Meets the requirements of length and format				Does not meet the requirements of length and format