

California State University, Long Beach Analytical Writing Rubric

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This rubric is designed to make clear the grading process for written communication by informing you, the writer, what key elements are expected by the university in a “good” piece of written work.

Your written work will be evaluated by the criteria below in order to give you specific feedback to help guide your development as a writer. Your writing will not be graded point by point by these items; it will be graded for its overall quality.

	Excellent		Competent		Not Acceptable
	4	3	2	1	0
Presentation					
1. The purpose and focus are clear and consistent.					
2. The main claim is clear, significant, and challenging.					
3. Organization is purposeful, effective, and appropriate.					
4. Sentence form and word choice are varied and appropriate.					
5. Punctuation, grammar, spelling, and mechanics are appropriate.					
Content					
6. Information and evidence are accurate, appropriate, and integrated effectively.					
7. Claims and ideas are supported and elaborated.					
8. Alternative perspectives are carefully considered and represented.					
Thinking					
9. Connections between and among ideas are made.					
10. Analysis/synthesis/evaluation/interpretation are effective and consistent.					
11. Independent thinking is evident.					
12. Creativity/originality is evident.					
Assignment Specific Criteria					
13. Responds to all aspects of the assignment.					
14. Documents evidence appropriately.					
15. Considers the appropriate audience/implied reader.					

Overall Evaluation

Excellent Competent Not Acceptable _____

Grade _____

Comments