GRADING RUBRIC FOR IDH1001/1002 ESSAYS

Written communication (50 points)

• Organization
  o Inadequate (10 points): There appears to be no organization of the essay’s contents.
  o Needs Improvement (15 points): Organization of the essay is difficult to follow, due to inadequately transitions and/or rambling format.
  o Adequate (20 points): The essay can be easily followed. A combination of the following is apparent: Basic transitions are used; a structured format is used.
  o Professional quality (25 points): The essay can be easily followed. A combination of the following is apparent: Effective transitions are used; a professional format is used.

• Mechanics and grammar
  o Inadequate (10 points): Sentences and paragraphs are difficult to read and understand due to poor grammar or mechanics
  o Needs improvement (15 points): The essay contains numerous grammatical and mechanical errors.
  o Adequate (20 points): The essay contains minimal grammatical or mechanical errors.
  o Professional quality (25 points): The essay is clear and concise and contains no grammatical or mechanical errors.

Content (50 points)

• Argument/Evidence
  o Inadequate (10 points): Argument is unclear and unsupported by evidence.
  o Needs improvement (15 points): Argument is somewhat clear but lacking enough evidence to support.
  o Adequate (20 points): Argument is clear and the evidence is good
  o Professional quality (25 points): Argument is compelling and the evidence behind it is justifiable and credible

• Completeness/Citations
  o Inadequate (10 points): Did not address some of the questions, did not write enough words and citations are absent
  o Needs improvement (15 points): Addressed the questions, but provided few details even though word count is covered. Citing is insufficient or incorrect.
  o Adequate (20 points): Address the questions, but left out some details. Word count covered. Citations are correct but only sources from class readings.
  o Professional quality (25 points): Addressed all questions completely. Word count covered. Great use of references.
Rubric for IDH1001 Writing assignments

Organization: __________

Mechanics and Grammar: __________

Argument/Evidence __________

Completeness __________

Total __________