

## Module 3 Science or Pseudoscience Paper Rubric

Course: BIOL 103 6369 Introduction to Biology (2235)

Criteria	Excellent	Good	Adequate	Unacceptable	Criterion Score
Content (35 points)	35 points  Information obtained from a minimum of three information sources is summarized clearly, accurately and well organized in own words. All information sources are credible and relevant to the requirement for the chosen topic.  31-35 points	30 points  Information obtained from only two information sources is summarized <i>and/or</i> some minor issues with clarity, accuracy, and organization of information <i>and/or</i> one information source is not credible <i>and/or</i> relevant <i>and/or</i> more than a few direct quotes.  26-30 points	25 points  Information obtained from only one information source is summarized <i>and/or</i> major issues with clarity, accuracy, and organization of information <i>and/or</i> mostly direct quotes.  21-25 points	20 points  No information sources are summarized, <i>and/or</i> none of the sources are credible and relevant, <i>and/or</i> all direct quotes.  0-20 points	/ 35
Contribution (35 points)	35 points  All major points for chosen article are addressed and own ideas are expressed, analyzed and defended based on knowledge learned from literature research.  31-35 points	30 points  Most major points for chosen article are addressed and own ideas are expressed, analyzed and defended based on knowledge learned from literature research.  26-30 point	25 points  Some major points for chosen article are addressed and own ideas are expressed, analyzed and defended based on knowledge learned from literature research.  21-25 points	20 points  No points for chosen article are addressed and own ideas are expressed, analyzed and defended based on knowledge learned from literature research.  0-20 points	/ 35
Mechanics (10 points)	10 points  Very few errors in spelling, punctuation, capitalization, sentence structure and grammar.  10 points	9 points  Occasional errors in spelling, punctuation, capitalization, sentence structure and grammar, but meaning is not obscured.  8-9 points	7 points  Frequent errors of spelling, punctuation, capitalization, sentence structure and grammar; meaning at times confused or obscured.  6-7 points	5 points  Dominated by errors in spelling, punctuation, capitalization, sentence structure and grammar; meaning at times unidentifiable.  0-5 points	/ 10
References (5 points)	5 points  All references listed at the end, in-text references are included, all references in correct APA format.  5 points	4 points  Missing one reference, <i>and/or</i> minor problems with APA format, <i>and/or</i> missing in-text references.  3-4 points	2 points  Missing several references <i>and/or</i> references not in APA format.  1-2 points	0 points  No references included.  0 points	/ 5
Length of paper (5 points)	5 points  Paper is between 500-1000 words  5 points	4 points  Paper is between 300-499 or 1000-1299 words  3 points	2 points  Paper is between 150-299 or 1300-1500 words  1 point	0 points  Paper is less than 150 or more than 1500 words  0 points	/ 5

Total	/ 90
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### Overall Score

<b>Excellent</b> 81 points minimum	<b>Good</b> 67.5 points minimum	<b>Adequate</b> 54 points minimum	<b>Unsatisfactory</b> 0 points minimum
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