

Geog 489 – Rubric for final paper

Criterion	Exemplary	Good	Adequate	Inadequate	Points
Application of geographic theory and methods	Demonstrates excellence in applying appropriate geographic theory and methods	Shows solid knowledge in applying appropriate geographic theory and methods	Demonstrates competence in using appropriate geographic theory and methods	Does not show competence in using appropriate geographic theory and methods	
Reporting	Explains internship work clearly and in detail, with comprehensive reference to geography coursework, theories and methods	Explains internship work clearly and with reference to geography coursework, theories, and methods	Explains internship work clearly, with passing reference to geography coursework, theories, and methods	Does not explain internship work clearly, or reference to coursework, theories, and methods, and shows a lack of understanding or competence	
Written communication: Organization and other mechanics Must contain an introduction, review of prior research or applications, methods, results, conclusion	Completely clear thesis, topic sentences, paragraphs No or nearly no errors in grammar, spelling, citation	Clear and organized throughout A few errors in grammar, spelling, citation	Some sections clear and organized, but some lapses in clarity or organization Some errors in grammar, spelling, citation, but none that obscure the meaning	Organized poorly so that meaning not conveyed well, or no apparent organization Many errors in grammar, spelling, citation, including errors that obscure meaning or impede tracing sources	