

## Topic/Issue Paper Rubric

There are four Topic/Issue papers in this course, and each is worth 25 points. The papers will be scored using the rubric below.

<b>Criteria</b>	<b>Exemplary (5 points)</b>	<b>Adequate (4 points)</b>	<b>Developing (2 points)</b>	<b>Insufficient (1 point)</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>Topic Analysis</b>	The paper provides a cogent, clear understanding of the topic	The paper provides an adequate understanding of the topic	The paper provides a developing understanding of the topic	The paper demonstrates a limited or no understanding of the topic	
<b>Response(s) to Questions or Criteria</b>	All questions/criteria listed are addressed clearly, completely and effectively	All questions/criteria listed are addressed adequately	All questions/criteria listed are addressed partially	All questions/criteria listed are not addressed	
<b>Research</b>	the paper is exemplary in the use of recent research	the paper is adequate in the use of recent research	the paper is developing in the use of recent research	the paper does not use recent research	
<b>Leadership</b>	The paper demonstrates an understanding of exemplary leadership skills in special education as they relate to the topic	The paper demonstrates an adequate understanding of leadership skills in special education as they relate to the topic	The paper demonstrates a developing understanding of leadership skills in special education as they relate to the topic	The paper demonstrates insufficient leadership skills in special education as they relate to the topic	
<b>Writing Mechanics</b>	The paper fully adheres to APA guidelines and contains no errors	The paper adequately adheres to APA guidelines	The paper partially adheres to APA guidelines and	The paper does not adhere to APA guidelines and	

		and contains minimal errors	contains several errors	contains numerous errors	
<b>TOTAL</b>					