Paper Grading Rubric
Cunningham, PSYC 2100 & 2130, Syllabus Addendum D

How am I graded?
I adhere to ethical and fair grading policies, free from personal bias. I do not compare one student's work to another. All papers will be graded using the same rubric, and grades are assigned based on this rubric. Following the directions helps you to write a successful paper.

Always ask me if you are unsure about something regarding your paper.

The following components comprise the grading rubric.

Quality of Research (10%)
You have at least 3 scholarly articles related to your thesis from PsycArticles, Psychology Collection, or Social Sciences Full Text. Articles are published within the last 5 years and at least 5-10 pages long. You do not quote any .com or.org website. When summarizing your articles, you avoid copying and pasting quotations from sources, rather you favor writing the summary in your own words.

Paper Content (40%)
You analyze the articles in-depth. Your paper is well-organized and has a clear structure. Did you understand your sources well enough to write about them?

Quality of Writing (20%)
Your paper is easy to read, having correct grammar and spelling. Your sections flow together, and you use a formal tone, avoiding “I” and “you” as well as slang.

Format (20%)
You use a correct summary-response format and correctly incorporate psychological theory.

APA Style (10%)
Your paper follows APA style and has headers, a title page, an abstract, in-text citations, and references.
Grounds for Automatic Zero

I will not grade your paper under the following conditions, which results in an automatic zero grade for the paper with no opportunity for compensation:

1. Plagiarism in any form. Plagiarism includes working together with another person, taking another student’s work and submitting it as your own, re-submitting your own previous paper, buying a paper online and submitting it, as well as copying and pasting another’s words without citing it. See PSCC Libraries’ Types of Plagiarism webpage (lib.pstcc.edu/PsychologyCunningham/plagiarism)

2. Submitting a paper based primarily on articles that I did not approve

3. Submitting a paper with no in-text citations and/or a References page

4. Submitting a paper as separate documents. You should submit one document to the Dropbox (Assignments).

5. Submitting a paper less than 5 pages long, EXCLUDING the Title page, Abstract page, and References page.

Discuss Your Grade

Only 24 hours AFTER grades have been posted on D2L, will I discuss your grade with you. In order to discuss your paper, you must:

- Make an appointment with me, based on a schedule posted outside my office door (Office 239).
- Before our meeting, reread the paper instructions, checklist, and grading rubric.
- Print the paper instructions, checklist, and grading rubric to bring to our meeting.