

BIOL307/317/848 Term Essay Grading Rubric - Brazil

The term essay is worth 40% of the final grade, but here we will mark it out of 100.

	GRADE
<p>References (15%). Have the appropriately cited papers in the main text? Are all key points referenced appropriately? Do you have a minimum of 10 references from the primary literature (e.g. not textbooks or web sites although these may be included in addition)? Is the reference style consistent across all references? e.g. capitalization consistent for article titles? Issue numbers either included in all references or not? Are journal names consistently spelled out in their entirety or are short-forms used consistently? Italics for Latin names?</p>	/15
<p>Grammar, style and flow (15%). This is self-evident but we will assess, in general terms, the quality of the writing. This can include the structure of the essay itself (e.g. Did you start broadly and then narrow down to the objectives? Were there run-on or incomplete sentences? Did points logically flow from one to the next? Were all ideas clearly stated and easy to comprehend? Did you bring the essay to a satisfactory close, synthesizing all of the information that went before? Does the Introduction start out broadly and then narrow to the key focus of the paper?</p>	/15
<p>Creativity/visuals (10%). Did you make good use of tables, figures or boxes? If deployed, were these well done, clear and clearly illustrative of a major theme in the paper? Were there ideas or concepts in the paper that could have been presented more clearly as a box, table or figure?</p>	/10
<p>Objectives (10%). Were the objectives clearly stated and did you relate them well to the content of the essay?</p>	/10
<p>Content (50%). Is there a clear introduction that provides relevant background? Are your Methods clearly articulated, and sufficiently thorough so that they are repeatable? Are results succinct, clear and are all figures and tables referred to appropriately? Are statistics cited correctly? Are your arguments cogent and persuasive? Does the Discussion explore the relevance of the findings relative to other literature, systems, and/or regions?</p>	/50
TOTAL:	/100