

Journal Entry Grading Rubric

Criterion	Unacceptable	Below Average	Average	Above Average	Out-standing
Selection of Topic	5%	7%	53%	32%	4%
Explication of Topic	6%	7%	54%	30%	4%
Application to Organization	1%	5%	53%	19%	21%
Theory and Practice Integration	2%	3%	56%	20%	20%

Grading Guide:

Selection of Topic (choose a topic addressed by the course):

Unacceptable: Selected topic is not related to the course content.

Below Average: Selected topic is marginally or tangentially related to the course content.

Average: Selected topic relates to a principle addressed in the course.

Above Average: Selected topic relates to a major theme of the course.

Outstanding: Multiple topics selected relate directly to core themes of the course.

Explication of Topic (describe how the topic relates to the course):

Unacceptable: The topic description does not connect it meaningfully to the course.

Below Average: The topic description barely connects it to the course.

Average: The topic description clearly fits it within the subject matter(s) of the course.

Above Average: The topic description strongly connects it to a major theme(s) of the course.

Outstanding: The topic description very strongly connects it to core themes of the course.

Application to Organization (select an issue/incident in which the topic applied):

Unacceptable: The topic and issue are not meaningfully related.

Below Average: The topic and issue are marginally or tangentially related.

Average: The topic and issue are clearly related.

Above Average: The issue description very clearly involves the topic(s) selected.

Outstanding: The issue description very strongly involves core theme(s) of the course.

Theory and Practice Integration (describe how the incident relates theory to practice):

Unacceptable: The issue description does not tie theory to practice.

Below Average: The issue description barely ties theory to practice.

Average: The issue description clearly ties some aspect of theory to some aspect of practice.

Above Average: The issue description ties several aspects of theory to practice.

Outstanding: The issue description ties several aspects of theory to several aspects of practice.