

Student Name

Political Science First Year Exam Rubric				
Overall Score:				
	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor
Criteria	Score		Comments/Feedback	
Methods: Essay demonstrates an understanding of methods used in the literature and an ability to critique the selection and implementation of these methods.	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor
Communication: The essay thoughtfully argues a thesis in a clear, concise, and organized manner. The essay uses conventional grammar and syntax.	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor
Research: The essay demonstrates an ability to generate ideas for new research projects by identifying limitations and flaws in existing work	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor
Professionalization: The essay reflects an understanding of the intellectual goals of the discipline and demonstrates an appropriately professional voice when critiquing research.	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor

An overall score of good or excellent is passing. An overall score of fair or poor is failing.

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