

MA Paper Scoring Rubric (Draft 9/22/04)

Criterion	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Relationship between theory and practice	The paper fails to develop adequate links between theory and practice.	An attempt is made to link theory with practice but one or the other may be inadequately discussed.	The paper includes references to both theory and practice. Practical papers make appropriate reference to theory, and theoretical papers make reference to reasonable implications or applications for practice.	The paper clearly connects theory with practice: practical papers are well anchored in theory, and theoretical papers contain a substantial discussion of implications or applications for practice.
Scholarship	The paper reflects inadequate scholarship.	The paper reflects adequate scholarship but has frequent lapses.	The paper generally reflects good scholarship with occasional lapses.	The paper reflects sound scholarship. References to other authors and works are appropriate, with well reasoned interpretations.
Writing	The paper is poorly written and/or organized.	The paper is adequately written and organized but has frequent stylistic infelicities.	The paper is generally well written and organized with occasional stylistic infelicities.	The paper is well written and organized, with few if any stylistic infelicities.
Formatting/referencing	The paper has severe problems with formatting and referencing.	The paper has frequent errors in formatting and referencing.	The paper has minor errors in formatting and referencing.	The paper conforms to the specifications of the Publication Manual of the American Psychological Association.