

Psychology 1 APA Research Paper Grading Rubric

Cover page 2 points

-running head, heading title, number, title, name, college name

Introduction 2 points

-title, introductory paragraph(s) to the topic.

At least half a page.

Body of text

Production 2 points

-is the drug natural or synthesized in the lab? Ex: designer drug LSD (lab) versus naturally growing mushrooms (natural).

At least half a page.

History 2 points

-history of creation/discovery and use-describe the chemical make-up of the drug (i.e., Crack is cocaine hydrochloride powder that has been processed to form a rock crystal that is then usually smoked).

At least half a page.

Influence on Neurotransmitters and Receptors 2 points

-Describe what neurotransmitters/receptors/hormones are involved. How does the drug influence them? (be specific, i.e., serotonin receptors or even more specific, 5HT).

At least half a page.

Effectiveness 2 points

-what is the effectiveness of the drug (if it is used clinically) or if illicit, how potent is it (maybe talk here about cutting street drugs with other chemicals like baking soda, etc).

At least half a page.

Use and Abuse 2 points

-is the drug abused? If yes describe in terms of prevalence of use and abuse. If no describe why

-is the drug *addictive* or does it build a physical tolerance (need to increase the dose to keep working)? If yes then how do you stop using it (taper down the dose, etc.). If no, then say why the receptors that it works on do not up or down regulate, etc.).

At least half a page.

Benefits or Dangers to the Self and Society 4 points

-Is this drug dangerous or useful or beneficial (physical, to the self, the repercussions to society, to research, and the field of psychology) describe how and why?

At least half a page.

Conclusion 2 points

-write a brief summary of the main points.

-based on the research, is there conflicting data about the drug? Is this supported by research? Mention any discrepancies in the research that should be addressed.

At least half a page.

APA citations 4 points

-Proper in-text and parenthetical APA citations

APA Style 2 points

-Proper writing mechanics, APA formatting style, margins, times new roman 12 font

Reference page 4 points

-proper APA citation: psychology book, websites, (avoid blogs, sources that are not scholarly)

-At least three peer-reviewed journal article references-no more than 7 years old.

TOTAL 30

5-6 pages total (at least 5, no more than 6 pages of content).