

Abstract Rubric

Use the criteria in the left column of this rubric to evaluate each of the five elements commonly found in abstracts listed across the top. On the bottom, write down your comments on the abstract overall. Be sure to check the “call for abstracts” before evaluating, to determine the appropriate audience, length, and focus of the abstract. Use this rubric to guide you as you write and revise your abstract. Always try to have your mentor comment on your abstract, and **never** misrepresent your work.

Criteria/Elements	State the research question or problem	Indicate the significance of the issue (so what?)	Describe methods (and why appropriate)	Indicate how this research is different	Show expected results and state conclusion
<p>Complete: Does it contain each of the necessary elements, and does it state them fully?</p>					
<p>Concise: Is each element straightforward and to the point? Is the whole abstract the appropriate length (usually about 200 words)?</p>					
<p>Clear: Is each element understandable to the appropriate audience, avoiding jargon? Is it free from grammatical errors? Is it well-written?</p>					
<p>Compelling: How interesting, important, and convincing is each element? Overall, would you like to see a poster or hear a talk about the research?</p>					