

Abstract Rubric

Author: _____

Reviewer: _____

Criteria	score = 0	3	7	score = 10
Thesis statement (BA scoring)	no thesis (0)	thesis is unclear <u>and</u> not original (2)	thesis is somewhat unclear or not original (5)	thesis of talk is clearly stated and is an original idea not a rehash of source papers (7)
BA students connecting thesis to other major/minor (BA scoring)	not connected (0)	connection not clear (1)	connection is artificial (2)	connection is clear and intrinsic to the topic (3)
Significance	no reason to explore specific topic given	reasons given for exploring thesis are not convincing	the reason to explore the thesis is given but connections not clear	The reason to explore the thesis is clear and meaningful
Support	No experimental support provided	Data does not seem relevant to thesis	Data is inappropriately detailed (too much or not enough)	summary data to support thesis is provided; support is referenced
Meets Guidelines	incorrect format	correct format but more than 5 instances of error	Correct format no more than 2 typos or one unscientific phase	Correct format (number of words, has title and author) is well-proofread and uses scientific language

Score: _____/40