### Proposal Topic / Title

- **1** The topic is clear, and the title constitutes a concise statement of purpose.
- **2** The topic is only moderately clear, and the title inadequately conveys the purpose.
- **3** The topic/title is vague or fails to convey a statement of purpose.
- **4** The topic/title is unclear or misleading.
- **5** The topic/title is missing or lacks coherence.

### Purpose Question / Argument

- **1** The questions are relevant and substantive. The argument is clearly detailed and original.
- **2** The questions are relevant, yet lacking in substance. The argument is original but needs more development.
- **3** The questions lack relevance or substance. The argument is moderately flawed or questionable.
- **4** The questions are unrelated to the topic or otherwise lack substance. The argument is illogical or unconvincing.
- **5** The questions are incomplete or lack direction. The argument is missing or incoherent.

### Resources and Preliminary Review of Literature

- **1** The literature review is well developed and comprehensive, including at least 10-15 major resources. The review demonstrates that the project is researchable, yet original.
- **2** The review is somewhat comprehensive, including at least 8-10 significant resources, demonstrating that the topic is researchable, yet original.
- **3** The review is only minimally comprehensive, fewer than 8 works, but the topic appears to be researchable and original.
- **4** The review needs further development, with more annotated sources. The project may need to be revised.
- **5** The review is not annotated or includes very few or no resources. The research topic is not demonstrably original or researchable.

### Research Methods

- **1** Data collection techniques are fully described. Samples of questionnaires, surveys, observation forms, or other tools are provided. If needed, an IRB proposal is included, depending on the topic.
- **2** Data collection techniques are adequately described. Sample questionnaires, surveys, observation forms, or other tools are described. If needed, an IRB proposal is included, depending on the topic.
- **3** Research or data collection methods are minimally described. Samples are undeveloped or otherwise incomplete.
- **4** Research or data Collection methods are unclear or inadequately described. Little evidence that data collection methods have been developed.
- **5** Research methods are missing or otherwise poorly developed.
### Anticipated Conclusions

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## Capstone Proposal Grading Rubric

### Possible scores for each category (Out of 20)

- **Excellent**: 15-20
- **Good**: 10-15
- **Acceptable**: 5-10
- **Unacceptable**: 0-5
- **Needs Major Revisions**: 0

### Category: **(out of 20)**

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- Purpose Question / Argument
- Resources and Preliminary Review of Literature
- Research Methods
- Anticipated Conclusions
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**TOTAL** /120