



PEER COURSE REVIEW RUBRIC (FY 05/06)

I. COURSE OVERVIEW AND INTRODUCTION

General Review Standard: The overall design of the course, navigational information, as well as course, instructor and student information are made transparent to the student at the beginning of the course.

Specific Review Standards:	Points	Yes	No	Notes
I.1 Navigational instructions make the organization of the course easy to understand.	3			
I.2 A statement introduces the student to the course and to the structure of the student learning.	3			
I.3 Netiquette expectations with regard to discussions and email communication are clearly stated.	2			
I.4 The self-introduction by the instructor is appropriate.	1			
I.5 Students are requested to introduce themselves to the class.	1			
I.6 Minimum technology requirements, minimum student skills, and, if applicable, prerequisite knowledge in the discipline, are clearly stated.	1			

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II. LEARNING OBJECTIVES (COMPETENCIES)

General Review Standard: Learning objectives are clearly defined and explained. They assist the student to focus learning activities.

Specific Review Standards:	Points	Yes	No	Notes
II.1 The learning objectives of the course describe outcomes that are measurable.	3			
II.2 The learning objectives address content mastery, critical thinking skills, and core learning skills.	3			
II.3 The learning objectives of the course are clearly stated and understandable to the student.	2			
II.4 Instructions to students on how to meet the learning objectives	2			

are adequate and easy to understand.				
II.5 The learning objectives of the course are articulated and specified on the module/unit level.	2			

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III. ASSESSMENT AND MEASUREMENT

General Review Standard: Assessment strategies use established ways to measure effective learning, assess student progress by reference to stated learning objectives, and are designed as essential to the learning process.

Specific Review Standards:	Points	Yes	No	Notes
III.1 The types of assessments selected measure the stated learning objectives and are consistent with course activities and resources.	3			
III.2 The grading policy is transparent and easy to understand.	3			
III.3 Assessment and measurement strategies provide feedback to the student.	3			
III.4 The types of assessments selected and the methods used for submitting assessments are appropriate for the distance learning environment.	2			
III.5 "Self-check" or practice types of assignments are provided for quick student feedback.	1			

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IV. RESOURCES AND MATERIALS

General Review Standard: Instructional materials are sufficiently comprehensive to achieve announced objectives and learning outcomes and are prepared by qualified persons competent in their fields. (Materials, other than standard textbooks produced by recognized publishers, are prepared by the instructor or distance educators skilled in preparing materials for distance learning.)

Specific Review Standards:	Points	Yes	No	Notes
IV.1 The instructional materials support the stated learning objectives and have sufficient breadth and depth for the student to learn the subject.	3			
IV.2 Instructional materials are presented in a format appropriate to the online environment, and	3			

are easily accessible to and usable by the student.				
IV.3 The purpose of the course elements (content, instructional methods, technologies, and course materials) is evident.	2			
IV.4 The instructional materials, including supporting materials - such as manuals, videos, CD ROMs, and computer software – are consistent in organization.	1			
IV.5 All resources and materials used in the online course are appropriately cited.	1			

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V. LEARNER INTERACTION

General Review Standard: The effective design of instructor-student interaction, meaningful student cooperation, and student-content interaction is essential to student motivation, intellectual commitment and personal development.

Specific Review Standards:	Points	Yes	No	Notes
V.1 The learning activities promote the achievement of stated objectives and learning outcomes.	3			
V.2 Learning activities foster instructor-student, content-student, and if appropriate to this course, student-student interaction.	3			
V.3 Clear standards are set for instructor response and availability (turn-around time for email, grade posting, etc.)	3			
V.4 The requirements for course interaction are clearly articulated.	2			
V.5 The course design prompts the instructor to be present, active, and engaged with the students.	2			

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VI. COURSE TECHNOLOGY

General Review Standard: To enhance student learning, course technology enriches instruction and fosters student interactivity.

Specific Review Standards:	Points	Yes	No	Notes
VI.1 The tools and media support the learning objectives of the course	3			

	and are integrated with texts and lesson assignments.				
VI.2	The tools and media enhance student interactivity and guide the student to become a more active learner.	2			
VI.3	Technologies required for this course are either provided or easily downloadable.	2			
VI.4	The tools and media are compatible with existing standards of delivery modes.	1			
VI.5	Instructions on how to access resources at a distance are sufficient and easy to understand.	1			
VI.6	Course technologies take advantage of existing economies and efficiencies of delivery.	1			

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VII. LEARNER SUPPORT

General Review Standard: Courses are effectively supported for students through fully accessible modes of delivery, resources, and student support.

Specific Review Standards:	Points	Yes	No	Notes
VII.1 The course instructions articulate or link to a clear description of the technical support offered.	2			
VII.2 Course instructions articulate or link to an explanation of how the institution's academic support system can assist the student in effectively using the resources provided.	2			
VII.3 Course instructions articulate or link to an explanation of how the institution's student support services can assist the student in effectively using the resources provided.	1			
VII.4 Course instructions articulate or link to tutorials and resources that answer basic questions related to research, writing, technology etc.	1			

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VIII. ADA COMPLIANCE

General Review Standard: The course is accessible to all students.

Specific Review Standards:	Points	Yes	No	Notes
VIII.1 The course acknowledges the	3			

	importance of ADA requirements.				
VIII.2	Web pages provide equivalent alternatives to auditory and visual content.	1			
VIII.3	Web pages have links that are self-describing and meaningful.	1			
VIII.4	The course demonstrates sensitivity to readability issues.	1			

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Final Comments: Now that you've looked at the entire course, please share your reflections on the degree of coherence of the course as a whole and its potential to promote student learning.

TOTAL POINTS (out of 80 possible):	
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Meets Expectations if:

Answered 'Yes' to all 3-point Essential Standards: I.1, I.2, II.1, II.2, III.1, III.2, III.3, IV.1, IV.2, V.1, V.2, V.3, VI.1, VIII.1

AND

68 points or more