

# Grading Codes for APA Research Paper

## Part One – Title Page

- 1a. *Title page meets APA standards*
- 1b. *Title page is incorrect or missing. (See Owl Purdue page).*

## Part Two – Abstract

- 2a. *Abstract page meets APA standards.*
- 2b. *Abstract page is incorrect or missing. (See Owl Purdue page).*

## Part Three – Main Body

### Introduction / Thesis Statement

- 3a. *Introduction is excellent; context is provided and direction established.*
- 3b. *Quotations and anecdotes are appropriate and relevant to the subject.*
- 3c. *Introduction is constructed around the question asked.*
- 3d. *Thesis is clear and concise.*
- 3e. *Nice use of epigraphs to grab reader's attention.*
- 3f. *Introduction needs improvement; initial discussion does not correlate with thesis.*
- 3g. *Thesis does not promote a unifying idea or structure.*
- 3h. *Introduction is missing or shows complete avoidance of the question.*
- 3i. *Introduction has too many spelling errors and mistakes in grammar.*

### Body

- 4a. *Paragraphs within the body show ample data, proof, and evidence such as statistics and / or authoritative research.*
- 4b. *Formatting and paragraphs exhibit proper mix of direct quotes and paraphrasing with good transitions between paragraphs.*
- 4c. *Essay has lots of original research.*
- 4d. *In-text citations are missing and / or not properly positioned or incorrectly constructed (See Owl Purdue page).*

**4e. Transitions between paragraphs need improvement; do not start paragraphs with quotations.**

**4f. Not enough data; more needed for support of your argument.**

**4g. Too many direct quotes, not enough of your own analysis.**

**4h. Body is randomly constructed and not internally consistent.**

**4i. Read body paragraphs OUT LOUD to yourself to improve grammar.**

**4j. De-gender your data references whenever possible.**

### **Conclusion**

**5a. Conclusion is well-organized, thoughtful, and has a unifying idea or theme.**

**5b. Conclusion shows a creative or unique synthesis of a complicated topic.**

**5c. Conclusion is not sufficient and does not properly summarize your thesis.**

**5d. Conclusion is missing! This is totally unacceptable on a research paper.**

### **Part Four – Reference Page**

**6a. Reference page meets APA standards.**

**6b. Reference page is incorrect or missing (See Owl Purdue page).**

### **Overall Research Paper**

**7a. Paper is superb in just about every respect; university-level work.**

**7b. Paper is pretty solid, and possible improvements are noted above.**

**7c. Paper is below what is expected in a college student; continue to work on your writing skills; consider extra writing classes.**