

**R. Maraccini Sociology B1 Grading Rubric for Writing Assignments,  
Dead Sociologist, and Observation Paper.****“A” Paper**

The paper is exceptionally well-organized and follows proper conventions of font, grammar, and mechanics.

The paper shows a superior use and understanding of sociological theories and terminology. This appears in terms of analysis and use of illustrative material or examples.

Within text citations, notes, and references follow the ASA format (MLA and APA also acceptable).

The student not only followed directions but exceeded the instructor’s minimal expectations for the assignment.

**“B” Paper**

The paper is well-organized. While it follows proper conventions of font, grammar, and mechanics, there may be some minor problems in terms of mechanics or structure.

The paper shows a good use and understanding of sociological theories and terminology. The analytical or illustrative material is not as strong as that found in an “A” paper.

Within text citations, notes, and references follow the ASA format (MLA and APA also acceptable)..

The student followed directions, and more than adequately met the instructor’s minimal expectations for the assignment.

**“C” Paper**

The paper has a few organizational problems. While it for the most part follows the proper conventions for spelling, grammar, and logic, there are more problems in these areas than is the case for “A” or “B” papers.

The paper ‘s use and understanding of sociological theories and terminology is adequate but not exceptional. There are some analytical or illustrative material problems, most notably an incorrect use or understanding of a theory or term.

Within text citations, notes, and references generally follow ASA format (MLA and APA also acceptable). However, in some cases these conventions may not have been properly followed.

The student for the most part followed the instructor’s directions and did enough to earn a satisfactory mark.

**“D” Paper**

The paper has organizational problems. While legible, there are a number of spelling, grammar, and mechanical errors. These hamper clarity in certain.

The paper ‘s use and understanding of sociological theories and terminology is not always adequate. Either the use of such material is not always correct, or in some cases, it is lacking when needed.

Within text citations, notes, and references are not properly observed.

The student for the most part did not follow the instructor’s directions and doing just enough to earn a minimal passing grade.

**“F” Paper**

The paper has major organizational problems. There are major spelling and grammar problems which make legibility next to impossible.

The paper 's use and understanding of sociological theories and terminology is either non-existent or totally incorrect.

The student has no awareness of the proper use of within text citations, notes, and references.

The student did not follow the instructor's directions. Either they did not understand them, or they waited until the last minute to throw something together.