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# WRITING ACROSS THE CURRICULUM

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To: Jerry Haky, UUPC Chair  
From: Jeff Galin, Director, Writing Across the Curriculum  
Date: March 11, 2014  
RE: Revisions to WAC Assessment Rubric

Based on conversations during the rating session of the 2012-2013 WAC Assessment, revisions have been recommended to clarify the WAC rubric and to consolidate two of the criteria categories. These changes have been approved by the WAC Committee. We would like the UUPC to review these changes and approve this document for continued use by the WAC program.

The following changes have been made to the 4-Point Primary Trait Student Writing Assessment Rubric:

- The “Citation Format” section has been combined with the “Disciplinary Conventions” section. The new section contains the criteria language for both of the previous categories and uses the name “Disciplinary Conventions.” The rationale behind this change is that raters often had difficulty making the distinction between the two categories, as many felt citations made up a primary component of what they would consider disciplinary conventions.
- Description language was added to the “Thesis/Purpose/Argument” section that specifies that a paper should demonstrate critical analysis of a subject in a way that is not over-simplified. In addition, an item has been added to the “Reasoning” section to consider expression of views that may contain discriminatory, socially offensive, or illogical thinking.
- Various sections across the rubric were updated so as to have more precise language and clear descriptions for each of the criteria sections. Such language emerged from rater conversations during the rubric norming sessions and rating sessions of last year’s WAC Assessment.

Please see the attached files to review the changes in the revised 2013 version of the rubric as well as the comparison between the original 2012 rubric with the revised 2013 version.

Attachments:  
Assessment Rubric 2013 Revisions 2-28-14  
Assessment Rubric 2012 comparison 2013 revisions 2-28-14



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<b>Approved by:</b>		<b>Date:</b>	
WAC Committee Chair	<u>Samuel M. Mustangh</u>		<u>12 March 2014</u>
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