

Connecting Expectations and Assessments

Expectations may be most clearly expressed in assessment criteria. What are the standards for performance or outcomes in your course or workplace? How will your paper or project be judged? If you will be graded or assigned points based on the presence, absence, or quality of specific features or components, these are also part of “what they want.”

You can be awarded a maximum of 25 points for each of these four features: (1) a clear and compelling introduction to your proposal, (2) a well-researched review of relevant literature, (3) a clear explanation of the theoretical framework for examining the problem, and (4) a clear description and justification of the methods proposed for your study.