

Liberty University
Individualized Studies Final Essay
Evaluation Rubric: Integration

	1 - Naïve	2 - Novice	3 - Apprentice	4 - Master
Does the paper include perspectives and insights from two cognate traditions presented in the course or from elsewhere that are relevant to the paper's purpose?	<p>The paper shows no evidence that <i>cognate</i> perspectives are used to address the paper's purpose.</p> <p>Multiple perspectives or points of view may be considered but these do not represent <i>chosen cognate</i> views and/or are not clearly related to the paper's purpose.</p>	<p>The paper includes two relevant cognate perspectives or fields. But the connections between the included disciplinary insights and the purpose of the work are superficial or unclear.</p> <p>Crucial cognate perspectives may be missing.</p>	<p>The paper includes two relevant disciplines or fields. Selected cognate insights are clearly connected to the purpose of the work.</p> <p>Cognate perspectives that are tangential to the purpose may be present, or relevant perspectives missed.</p>	<p>The paper includes two relevant disciplines or fields. Selected cognate insights are clearly connected to the purpose of the work.</p> <p>No unrelated cognate insights appear and not crucial perspectives are missing.</p> <p>If the paper includes some tangential perspectives which are, however, original it should be considered Level 4 for this criterion.</p>
Is there an integrative device or strategy (e.g., a model, metaphor, or analogy)?	<p>The paper may explore the topic in a holistic way but connections are unclear and there is no obvious sense of integration.</p>	<p>The paper may explore the topic in a holistic way, making valid connections across cognate or field perspectives; however, insights from different perspectives are not integrated coherently or effectively.</p> <p>In some cases, cognate concepts, theories, perspectives, findings, or examples are placed side by side; connections and analogies are made but no overall coherent integration is discernible.</p>	<p>An integrative device (e.g., a leading metaphor, a complex casual explanation) clearly brings cognate insights together in a generally coherent and effective way.</p>	<p>A novel, imaginative, or well-articulated integrative device (e.g., a leading metaphor, a complex causal explanation) is used to bring cognate insights together in a coherent and effective way.</p>
Is there a sense of balance in the overall composition of the piece with regard to how the cognate perspectives are brought together to advance the purpose of the essay?	<p>The paper shows an imbalance in the way particular cognate perspectives are presented in light of the purpose of the work (e.g. particular cognate perspectives are given disproportionate weight for no obvious reason).</p>	<p>The paper attempts to balance perspectives but this is built on artificial grounds rather than substantive ones (e.g., giving equal weight to each disciplinary perspective studied irrespective of its substantive relevance to the problem at hand).</p>	<p>Cognate insights in the paper are generally balanced on substantive grounds in light of the purpose of the work. However, one or more aspects of the argument may be weakly addressed.</p>	<p>Cognate insights are delicately balanced to maximize the effectiveness of the paper in light of the purpose of the work. The integration is elegant and coherent and there are no distractions in the building of the argument.</p>
Do the conclusions drawn by the paper indicate that understanding has been advanced by the integration of cognate views?	<p>The paper attempts to make connections across different perspectives but these are unrelated to the apparent purpose of the paper.</p>	<p>Minor efforts at integration are present. Or a language of integration is present but is used mechanically to yield minimal advancement toward the intended purpose.</p>	<p>The paper makes a valid integration of cognate insights to generate understandings linked to the purpose of the paper. However, some obvious opportunities to advance the purpose of the paper are overlooked or undeveloped.</p>	<p>The paper takes full advantage of the opportunities presented by the integration of cognate insights to advance its intended purpose both effectively and efficiently. The integration may result in novel or unexpected insights.</p>