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### **GRADING RUBRIC**

Your work will be graded according to the standards that are detailed below. Check with me if you are unsure about how to interpret these rubrics. You may achieve one bonus point in any category for work "above and beyond," up to a maximum of three bonus points.

# **RUBRIC FOR HUMAN DEMOGRAPHY INVESTIGATION**

# **Experimental (Study) Design and Description**

Statement of experimental question: 3 pts clearly stated 2 pts somewhat clearly stated 1 pt vaguely stated 0 pts not stated	Explanation of experiment:  3 pts experiment carefully explained  2 pts some detail missing  1 pt vague description  0 pts experiment not described
Appropriateness of experimental question: 3 pts relevant to topic 2 pts partially relevant to topic 1 pt weakly relevant 0 pts not relevant	Measured variable: 3 pts clearly stated 2 pts somewhat clearly stated 1 pt vaguely stated 0 pts not stated
Relevance to literature (background):  3 pts relevant literature explained  2 pts relevant literature partially explained  1 pt relevant literature slightly explained  0 pts no literature explained	Replication: 3 pts at least 200 individuals in each group 2 pts at least 100 individuals in each group 1 pt at least 50 individuals in each group 0 pts less than 50 individuals in each group
Manipulated variable: 3 pts clearly stated 2 pts somewhat clearly stated 1 pt vaguely stated 0 pts not stated	Data presentation: 3 pts survival curves correctly and completely developed 2 pts survival curves incomplete 1 pt survival curves incorrect 0 pts no survival curves
Appropriateness of chosen variable:  2 pts allows quantitative measurement  1 pt all-or-none measurement  0 pts inappropriate measurement  Standardized experimental conditions:  3 pts conditions carefully standardized  2 pts only some conditions standardized  1 pt few conditions standardized  0 pts much variability among trials	Data interpretation:  3 pts data fully and correctly interpreted  2 pts data interpretation incomplete  1 pt data interpretation wrong  0 pts data not interpreted  Recommended improvement (this study):  2 pts appropriate or not needed  1 pt weak recommendations  0 pts no improvements recommended
Assumptions involved: 2 pts clearly explained 1 pt weakly explained 0 pts no assumptions explained	Future studies (extensions): 3 pts 3 future studies recommended 2 pts 2 future studies recommended 1 pt 1 future study recommended 0 pts 0 future studies recommended

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#### **Oral Presentation**

Data presentation (table or graph):

appropriate 3 pts

2 pts incomplete (e.g., lacks axis label) 1 pt major error (e.g., axes reversed

0 pt data not displayed

Oral presentation:

3 pts loud, clear, good eye contact

2 pts one aspect of good presentation missing

1 pt two aspects of good presentation

missing

0 pts no presentation

Visual aids:

neat, clear, large enough to see at back 3 pts one aspect of good visual aids missing 2 pts

1 pt two aspects of good visual aids missing

0 pts no visual aids Typos:

no typographical errors 3 pts 1-2 typographical errors 2 pts 3-4 typographical errors 1 pt

more than 4 typographical errors 0 pts

Time limits:

2 pts within 1 minute of time limit (above or

below)

1 pt within 2 minutes of time limit

0 pts more than 2 minutes from time limit

Answers to questions:

2 pts excellent, accurate answers, clearly

expressed

1 pt answer unclear or partially inaccurate

0 pts no questions generated

development of visual aids

# **Group Work**

Attendance and promptness:

3 pts on time for all meetings

2 pts present for all meetings but late for some

1 pt present for all meetings but late for all

missed one or more meetings 0 pts

Ability to work in groups:

always had a cooperative attitude 3 pts

2 pts sometimes hindered group progress

1 pt often hindered group progress but

occasionally promoted progress

0 pts extremely difficult to work with Contributed to project by which of the following (1 point for all that apply): ideas for project design collection of data analysis and interpretation of data