

Team Project Grading Rubrics

Written Reports:

1. Problem Identification (20 points)

- Statement of the Problem (5 points)

The topic relates to the theme (Food Security and/or Sustainability) of the course. The problem statement is concise and related to the welfare of individuals, communities, environment and /or species/biodiversity and not simply a lack of knowledge about something.

- Significance of the Problem (5 points)

Who or what is affected. What is the scope and/or scale of the problem? Who cares about it and why?

- Documentation and Data Supporting the Problem and Its Importance (5 points)

Is the importance and existence of the problem supported by data, research, and/or expert opinion? Are the sources used reliable?

- Cross-Cultural Intersections of the Problem (5 points)

How does the problem cross cultural and geographical boundaries? If not, how generalizable is the problem to a larger elevation wherein solving it could have spillover benefits that cross these boundaries?

2. Proposed Solution(s) (20 points)

- Technical Feasibility (5 points)

Is the proposed solution technically feasible? Is the technical feasibility supported in the presentation and/or are technical obstacles clearly identified for future exploration?

- Societal Feasibility (5 points)

Is the proposed solution culturally, economically, and socially acceptable? What are the prospects for adoption and/or are social obstacles clearly identified for future exploration?

- Potential for Impact (5 points)

If the proposed solution were implemented what would be the impacts? Who would benefit and by how much? Who might "lose" if the proposed solution were implemented? Is the benefit-cost likely to be favorable?

- Supporting Documentation and Data (5 points)

Is the proposed solution supported by data, research, and/or expert opinion? Are the sources used reliable?

3. *Writing Quality (10 points)*

- Readability and Grammar, etc. (5 points)

Is report well-written and readable?

- Organization and Logic (5 points)

Is the report well-organized and the logical reasoning soundly presented?

Presentations:

1. *See Part 1 above (20 points)*

2. *See Part 2 above (20 points)*

3. *Presentation Style and Delivery (10 points)*

- Presentation Clarity (5 points)

Are slides or other visual materials effective in communicating their content? Do presenters clearly present their material and points?

- Organization and Logic (5 points)

Is the presentation well-organized and logically presented?