

## Final Essay Grading Rubric

The Final Essay together with the Final Exam represents 30% of your final grade. Every essay starts with 100 points and is subjected to review in a number of areas, which are weighted to reflect course priorities. Students: We are giving you this information in advance to eliminate any surprises when you receive your score.

<b>Student:</b>	<b>Instructor:</b>
<b>Objective</b>	<b>Possible Points/ Comments</b>
<b>News Literacy Concepts:</b> Demonstrates mastery of key news literacy concepts (as outlined in the syllabus, lectures, lecture slides, readings and homework assignments). No essay that mis-states a key News Literacy concept may receive an "A".	<b>30</b>
<b>Critical thinking:</b> Arguments and conclusions are logical and expressed clearly.	<b>30</b>
<b>Research:</b> Shows clear signs the student pursued reliable information by engaging with multiple news outlets, selecting specific examples that illustrate the student's key points.	<b>20</b>
<b>Spelling, grammar and punctuation:</b> Adheres to standard rules of spelling, grammar and punctuation.	<b>20</b>
<b>Final Comments:</b>	<b>Total Score:</b>