

**BIS Scoring Sheet for Writing Assessment: BIS 390 Proposals
(Workshop Conducted 12/10/08)**

Interdisciplinary (deal breaker)

Project proposal is interdisciplinary, with clear connection(s) to concentration.
 Identifies complex problem that demands investigation from two or more disciplinary perspectives.
 Includes references that reflect interdisciplinary concentration.

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Problem Statement

Has a clear purpose/goal/project statement.
 Identifies a real problem that is focused, manageable, feasible.
 Identifies and addresses a real audience.
 Topic has relevance to disciplines/audience.
 Identifies an authentic question, a “need to know.”
 Presents a reasonable solution and project with realistic expectations.

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Reasoned/disciplined analysis/critical thinking

Reflects openness to exploring alternative interpretation(s) of topic; uses balanced language.
 Clear, logical presentation of ideas.
 Acknowledges/is aware of multiple points of view and demonstrates openness to authentic/alternative points of view.
 Presents a rationale for proposed project; identifies a problem or need.
 Demonstrates critical analysis appropriate to area of concentration.

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Sound Investigative Framework (for investigative projects)

Methodology is clearly articulated and justified.
 Method or approach is clearly articulated.
 Addresses feasibility of proposed method.
 Uses and proposes to use appropriate evidence.

Sound Creative Framework (for creative projects)

Creative goal is clearly articulated and justified.
 Addresses feasibility of proposed creative approach.
 Audience(s) for project is clearly defined.
 Uses appropriate technical materials and methods.

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Use of Supporting Information

Claims are supported by appropriate warrant and evidence.
 Includes substantive background information from appropriate expert sources.
 Uses accurate statistical data or other evidence.
 Differentiates treatment/use of popular and scholarly sources, using a variety of sources appropriate to topic.
 References reflect interdisciplinary concentration
 Quotations strengthen argument or position.

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Structure and organization

Clear structure and organization; structurally appropriate and helpful subheadings
Effective transitions between paragraphs and sections.
Appropriate distinction between background research and project plan.
Reasonable timeline.
Clear statement of methodology or approach.

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Mechanics

Consistent and correct citation style.
Appropriate signal phrases.
Consistently clear sentences.
Smooth sentence-level transitions.
Subject/verb and subject/pronoun agreement.
Correct punctuation.
Use of standard English.

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OVERALL SCORE (please circle):

Highly Competent Competent Emerging Competence Not Competent

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