

**Initial Reflection Essay (out of 50 points)**

*Composition: Document fulfills gradesheet expectations. [40%]*

1-10	11-18	19-20
Insufficient: Nine or more distinct gradesheet item-errors	Acceptable: No more than eight distinct gradesheet item-errors	Professional: No more than two distinct gradesheet item-errors

*Section One: Describe the field of communication studies: its primary areas of interest and professional opportunities. [10%]*

1-2	3-4	5
Insufficient: Element missing or substantially underdeveloped	Acceptable: Both elements present and somewhat developed	Professional: Both elements well developed

*Section Two: Indicate what concentration of communication scholarship interests you the most (include a specific RQ or Hypothesis you might use for your Research Project. [20%]*

1-5	6-8	9-10
Insufficient: Element missing or substantially underdeveloped	Acceptable: Both elements present and somewhat developed	Professional: Both elements well developed

*Section Three: Summarize at least two examples of recent communication scholarship (with APA in-text citation) that relate to your area of interest. [20%]*

1-5	6-8	9-10
Insufficient: Example missing or substantially underdeveloped	Acceptable: Both examples present and somewhat developed	Professional: Both examples relevant and well developed

*Section Four: Identify how completion of this degree relates to your personal goals. [10%]*

1-2	3-4	5
Insufficient: Section is either missing or underdeveloped	Acceptable: Section is present and somewhat developed	Professional: Section is specific and well developed