

**Çağ University**  
**2025-2026 Semester Spring Term**  
**PSY260 — Research Methods II**  
**Research Proposal Grading Rubric**

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Student ID: \_\_\_\_\_ Submission Date: .../06/2026

Criterion	Max	Score
<b>Literature review</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· Recent, peer-reviewed sources directly relevant to the topic</li> <li>· Findings accurately summarized and interpreted</li> <li>· Sources synthesized into a logical flow (not just a list of summaries)</li> <li>· Research gap clearly identified</li> <li>· Adequate number and variety of references</li> </ul>	<b>25</b>	
<b>Purpose &amp; hypothesis</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· Research purpose stated clearly and concisely</li> <li>· Hypothesis is testable and measurable</li> <li>· Hypothesis logically derived from the literature</li> <li>· Dependent and independent variables defined</li> <li>· Direction (positive / negative / difference) specified</li> </ul>	<b>20</b>	
<b>Academic language &amp; English</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· Academic register maintained throughout (no informal/conversational tone)</li> <li>· Grammar, punctuation, and spelling correct</li> <li>· Psychological terminology used accurately and consistently</li> <li>· Sentences are clear; no overly long or ambiguous constructions</li> </ul>	<b>15</b>	
<b>Word count (body text)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· Main text (excluding cover &amp; references) falls within 1,500–2,000 words</li> <li>· ±10% tolerance applies (1,350–2,200 acceptable)</li> <li>· Full marks: within range · Partial: minor deviation · 0: outside range</li> </ul>	<b>10</b>	
<b>Font, margins &amp; line spacing</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· Times New Roman 12 pt throughout</li> <li>· 1-inch (2.54 cm) margins on all sides</li> <li>· Double-spaced throughout (incl. block quotes and reference list)</li> <li>· No extra blank lines before/after headings or between paragraphs</li> </ul>	<b>10</b>	
<b>Alignment &amp; indentation</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· Left-aligned text, ragged right margin (no full justification)</li> <li>· First line of each paragraph indented (Tab or paragraph formatting)</li> <li>· Page numbers in top-right corner on every page including cover</li> </ul>	<b>5</b>	
<b>Cover page</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· Title, author, institution, course name, and date all present</li> <li>· Follows APA 7 student title page format</li> <li>· Page number (1) in top-right corner</li> </ul>	<b>5</b>	
<b>References</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· All in-text citations appear in the reference list and vice versa</li> <li>· APA 7 format correct (author, year, title, journal/publisher, DOI)</li> <li>· Double-spaced with hanging indent; alphabetically ordered</li> </ul>	<b>10</b>	
<b>Plagiarism / ethical violations</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· All external sources properly cited; direct quotes in quotation marks</li> <li>· Fair contribution in group work; no submission of another's work</li> <li>· Any confirmed violation renders the assignment invalid</li> </ul>	<b>—</b>	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>/100</b>