

**University of Central Florida, Quality Enhancement Plan  
UCF Research-Intensive (RI)  
Evaluation Rubric– RI Course Approval**

General HIP Review Criteria	3: Clear Evidence	2: Needs Clarification of Evidence	1: Little or No Evidence	Comments
<b>1.1 Course Objectives</b> Course objectives are well defined and meaningfully align with the chosen course designation. HIP assignments are clearly linked to course objectives.				
<b>1.2 HIP Assignments</b> Syllabus offers meaningful HIP assignments that meet course designation criteria. HIP assignments constitute 30% or more of the graded coursework. For RI, HIP assignments adhere to recognized best practices within the academic discipline, including selection/application of methods, identification of novel research aims, attention to relevant ethical issues, and so forth.				
<b>1.3 Assessment Plan</b> HIP assignment(s) delineate easily comprehensible assessment criteria that connect to student learning outcomes. For RI, examples include: originality of question, thoroughness of literature review, soundness of methodology chosen, etc.				
<b>Evaluation Criteria for RI designation</b> (at least four of five of the criteria below plus a deliverable required). In the spirit of creating original scholarship, the course includes opportunities to:				
<b>2.1</b> Evaluate and synthesize scholarly literature and relevant data				
<b>2.2</b> Formulate an original research question or objective appropriate to the discipline				
<b>2.3</b> Develop and/or implement an appropriate methodology to address the research question(s).				
<b>2.4</b> Collect, review, and interpret data/sources				
<b>2.5</b> Communicate findings to peers and/or professionals in verbal and/or written work in discipline-appropriate formats				
<b>Required for all RI designated courses:</b>				
<b>3.1</b> Learn how new knowledge/products are created within the discipline through engagement in the research or creative process.				
<b>3.2</b> Taught and graded by a content expert in the field with a terminal degree and/or permanent faculty appointment. Regular faculty feedback is provided throughout research process.				
<b>3.2</b> A final, cumulative deliverable that demonstrates most of the criteria outlined above (may be one or more of the following): <b>-Written Project:</b> research proposal, research paper, case study etc. <b>-Presentation:</b> Poster, PowerPoint, or comparable presentation platform <b>-Creative Project:</b> Work of art, prototype/model, etc.				
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