## Millsaps Writing Proficiency Rubric

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### Content & Development

**Mastery**
- Supports a **clear and salient** central message with **compelling, appropriate and relevant material** and conveys a **deep and nuanced** understanding of the issue(s).

**Advanced**
- Supports a **clear and salient** central message with **compelling, appropriate and relevant material** and conveys a **deep and nuanced** understanding of the issue(s).

**Intermediate**
- Supports a **clear and salient** central message with **compelling** and **appropriate material** and conveys a **deeper understanding** of the issue(s).

**Beginning**
- A central message is somewhat supported by material and conveys basic understanding of the issue(s).

### Organization

**Mastery**
- Demonstrates **clear and consistent** organizational pattern that provides **appropriate** shape and a **cohesive** framework for the content.

**Advanced**
- Demonstrates **clear and consistent** organizational pattern that provides **appropriate** shape and a **cohesive** framework for the content.

**Intermediate**
- Demonstrates an organization pattern that provides **appropriate** shape and a framework for the content.

**Beginning**
- Demonstrates organizational pattern that provides **rudimentary** shape and framework for the content.

### Discourse Conventions & Style

**Mastery**
- Demonstrates **thoughtful** attention to audience and distinctive and engaging execution of important conventions particular to the specific discipline and/or task at hand.

**Advanced**
- Demonstrates **thoughtful** attention to audience and **consistent** execution of important conventions particular to the specific discipline and/or task at hand.

**Intermediate**
- Demonstrates **adequate** attention to audience and **consistent** execution of **basic conventions** particular to the specific discipline and/or task at hand.

**Beginning**
- Demonstrates **basic awareness** of audience and inconsistent execution of **basic conventions** particular to the specific discipline and task at hand.

### Mechanics

**Mastery**
- **Sophisticated** use of language and/or communication components that communicate meaning with **clarity** and **fluency** and is **virtually error-free**.

**Advanced**
- **Skilfully** uses language and/or communication components that communicate meaning with **clarity** and **fluency** and is **virtually error-free**.

**Intermediate**
- Uses **straightforward** language and/or communication components that **generally** communicate meaning with **clarity** with **few errors**.

**Beginning**
- Uses language and/or communication components that **frequently** communicate meaning with **clarity** but may have some **errors**.