Honors Elective Outcomes Assessment	Thoughtful pursuit of answers to open- ended questions	Appropriate use of evidence	Appreciation of variety of competing answers	Answers are located within the context of relevant disciplinary models
EXCELLENCE at the proficient level includes:	Issue/problem to be considered critically is stated clearly and described comprehensively, delivering all relevant information necessary for full understanding. Specific position (perspective, thesis/hypothesis) is imaginative, taking into account the complexities of an issue. Limits of position (perspective, thesis/hypothesis) are acknowledged.	Information is taken from source(s) with enough interpretation/evaluation to develop a comprehensive analysis or synthesis.	Thoroughly (systematically and methodically) analyzes own and others' assumptions and carefully evaluates the relevance of contexts when presenting a position. Others' points of view are synthesized within position (perspective, thesis/hypothesis). Viewpoints of experts are questioned thoroughly.	Appropriately employs disciplinarily appropriate concepts, models and/or methodology
ADEQUACY at the proficient level includes:	Issue/problem to be considered critically is stated, described, and clarified so that understanding is not seriously impeded by omissions. Specific position (perspective, thesis/hypothesis) takes into account the complexities of an issue.	Information is taken from source(s) with enough interpretation/evaluation to develop a coherent analysis or synthesis.	Identifies own and others' assumptions and several relevant contexts when presenting a position. Others' points of view are acknowledged within position (perspective, thesis/hypothesis). Viewpoints of experts are subject to questioning.	Brings disciplinary concepts, models and/or methodology to bear on discussion, but they are generalized or oversimplified.
INADEQUACY at the proficient level includes:	Issue/problem to be considered critically is stated but description leaves some terms undefined, ambiguities unexplored, boundaries undetermined, and/or backgrounds unknown. Specific position (perspective, thesis/hypothesis) does not acknowledge different sides of an issue	Information is taken from source(s) with some interpretation/evaluation, but not enough to develop a coherent analysis or synthesis.	Questions some assumptions. Identifies several relevant contexts when presenting a position. May be more aware of others' assumptions than one's own (or vice versa). Viewpoints of experts are taken as mostly fact, with little questioning.	Shows little to no awareness of disciplinary concepts, models or methodology