**Grading Rubric**

**POLS/LATAM 430**

**Policy Reform Proposal**

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|  | **90-100%** | **80-89%** | **70-79%** | **<70%** |
| **Historical Background**  **(100 points)** | Paper correctly explains past legislation that has helped to create/perpetuate immigration issue it sets out to address and economic/social costs of current problems | Some legislation is mentioned but discussion is either misses key legislation or does not convincingly connect it to current issue | Little discussion of past legislation, connections drawn to the current issues are weak, costs of current issues are not clearly detailed | No discussion of past legislation, only the current issues discussed, no explanation of why these issues must be addressed in terms of economic/social costs |
| **Proposed changes**  **(200 points)** | Detailed discussion of 3-5 realistic changes/reforms to current immigration policy | Discussion of 3-5 changes, but proposals are not as detailed/specific as they could be | Discussion of less than 3-5 reforms that is not detailed or changes are somewhat unrealistic | Proposed changes are not detailed/specific, unrealistic, or there are not the required number of proposals |
| **Benefits of proposed changes (50 points)** | Economic/social benefits are clearly explained for each proposal with empirical support | Economic/social benefits are explained, but some are too general or vague | Benefits of proposed changes are vague or not explained clearly, weak empirical support for benefits | Paper is filled with unsubstantiated claims that are not supported with evidence |
| **Spelling/Grammar/Citations/Organization (50 points)** | Few to no spelling, grammar, or citation errors, paper organization properly | Some spelling, grammar, or citation errors, paper organized properly | Frequent errors in grammar, spelling, or citations, poor organization | Sloppy grammar, spelling, and citations, poorly organized |