

**Undergraduate Thesis Assessment Rubric**  
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Thesis Author: Adam Vlček  
 Title: The Liberal Democrats – History, Power and Plans  
 Length: 35 pages  
 Text Length: 30 pages

<b>Assessment Criteria</b>	<b>Scale</b>	<b>Comments</b>
1. Introduction is well written, brief, interesting, and compelling. It motivates the work and provides a clear statement of the examined issue. It presents and overview of the thesis.	Outstanding <b>Very good</b> Acceptable Somewhat deficient Very deficient	
2. The thesis shows the author's appropriate knowledge of the subject matter through the background/review of literature. The author presents information from a variety of quality electronic and print sources. Sources are relevant, balanced and include critical readings relating to the thesis or problem. Primary sources are included (if appropriate).	Outstanding <b>Very good</b> Acceptable Somewhat deficient Very deficient	
3. The author carefully analyzed the information collected and drew appropriate and inventive conclusions supported by evidence. Ideas are richly supported with accurate details that develop the main point. The author's voice is evident.	Outstanding Very good <b>Acceptable</b> Somewhat deficient Very deficient	
4. The thesis displays critical thinking and avoids simplistic description or summary of information.	Outstanding <b>Very good</b> Acceptable Somewhat deficient Very deficient	
5. Conclusion effectively restates the argument. It summarizes the main findings and follows logically from the analysis presented.	Outstanding Very good <b>Acceptable</b> Somewhat deficient Very deficient	
6. The text is organized in a logical manner. It flows naturally and is easy to follow. Transitions, summaries and conclusions exist as appropriate. The author uses standard spelling, grammar, and punctuation.	Outstanding Very good <b>Acceptable</b> Somewhat deficient Very deficient	

7. The language use is precise. The student makes proficient use of language in a way that is appropriate for the discipline and/or genre in which the student is writing.	Outstanding Very good <b>Acceptable</b> Somewhat deficient Very deficient	
8. The thesis meets the general requirements (formatting, chapters, length, division into sections, etc.). References are cited properly within the text and a complete reference list is provided.	Outstanding Very good <b>Acceptable</b> Somewhat deficient Very deficient	There are rather too many block quotations which would have been better paraphrased. Quotations – whether block or in-text – should not be italicised.

Final Comments & Questions

The author has made a competent effort to deal with subject matter which, to some extent, was still very much topical at the time the thesis was submitted for defence. As the author himself points out, the Liberal Democrats may face problems in the years ahead since a considerable number of their supporters feel betrayed by the leadership's decision to enter into a coalition government with the Conservative Party. One might, however, question whether UKIP poses such a major threat as suggested in the Conclusion: probably David Cameron should be more concerned than Nick Clegg in this respect.

Recommended grade: Good

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