

CS 30600 Computers in Society

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Term Paper Guidelines and Grading**Description:**

As part of this course and as an Area VI requirement, you are asked to expand your knowledge outside of our textbook & class discussions and write a term paper.

Schedule:

This is a semester long project (thus the name term paper) – not a weekend before due date. You will be graded on the following milestones:

Milestone	<u>Due Date: Due on Blackboard</u>	<u>Points</u>
Topic Selection – search for topic	Week2:AUG-31-2020 – Chapters 1-9	Topic is from GiftOfFire
Sources: Complete both (topic & sources)	Week3:SEP-14-2020 Due at 11:59 P.M	20
Outlines	Week4:SEP-21-2020 Due at 11:59 P.M	30
Final draft	Week12:NOV-16th-2020 – Mon. at 11:59PM	<u>100 Final draft</u>
Total		150 pts

All milestones are due at the 11:59 PM on the date specified. A problem or issue must be addressed earliest possible. Penalty for late work will be assessed at 10%.

Sources: If it is possible, as expected, to have variety of sources.

Sources will be typed in a Word document with *name, major, and topic listed at the top of the page*. You need to use at least 1 or 2/more sources (if any) from a book/text and the web. 2 or 3, periodical/journals, 2 or 3, and no less than 10 sources overall. There will be headings for Web, Periodical, & Text which will be underlined and have all sources listed that fall into this category. Correct bibliography notation is expected.

References

Your references go here in alphabetical order (by the first author's last name – or when there is no author, the first word of the title). Include **only** references cited in your paper, and be sure to include **every** reference cited in your paper.

Last Name, First Initial. Middle Initial (if there is one). (year). Name of article in sentence case: If there is a subtitle, it should also be in sentence case. *Name of Journal in Title Case*, volume (issue), first page-last page. Retrieved Month Day, Year, from name of database. **An example of a properly formatted reference is MLA shown below (OWL: Purdue University).**

Journal:

See the [MLA Style Manual and Guide to Scholarly Publishing](#). 2nd ed. New York: Modern Language Assoc., 1998.

Text

Wordsworth stated that Romantic poetry was marked by a "spontaneous overflow of powerful feelings" (263).

Book

Lastname, Firstname. *Title of Book*. Place of Publication: Publisher, Year of Publication. Medium of Publication.

Web References:

Aristotle. *Poetics*. Trans. S. H. Butcher. *The Internet Classics Archive*. Web Atomic and Massachusetts Institute of Technology, 13 Sept. 2007. Web. 4 Nov. 2008. <<http://classics.mit.edu/>>.

Periodical References:

1. Magazine 1
2. Journal 2
3. Journal 3

Book/Text References:

1. Book 1
2. Text 1
3. Book 2

Outline/Contents: You can combine roman numerical numbers and numbers or letters (see below!)

The outline will be typed in a Word document with your *name, major and topic listed at the top of the page*. Your outline will have these basic parts -Description/background history of the issue, Pro side, Con side, Conclusion. You will need to fill in all other areas with your research, but you do not have to give me your conclusion at this time (as you are still formulating your opinion). Example:

- I. History/Background (make sure to stick to the issue and not give a general history – Look at why this has become an issue)
 - A. History of issue
 - B. Background of issue
 - C. Current and future
- II. Pro Side
 - A. Pro 1 (Couple Court Cases which are related to your topic: won/supported/agreed with & etc)
 - B. Pro 2 (**Is it political/economy/technological?**) What is your opinion vs what they say?
 - C. Pro 3 (**Is it business/economy or profit motivated?**) Who benefits? What are the Groups?
- III. Con Side
 - A. Con 1 (Couple known issues which are related to your topic (**always be losers/winners**): lost/disagreed with/why & etc)
 - B. Con 2 (**Is it political/economy/technological?**) What is your opinion vs what they say?
 - C. Con 3 (Why? Is there any support? What is your take on this?)
- IV. Conclusion (no detail needed here yet)

Final Version:

The paper should be **no less than 16 - 20 pages(20 pages, no more than 25 pages)** long and double spaced. It should follow the outline with the 4 major components (Description/background history of issue, Pro side, Con side, Your conclusion-which side you believe in and why) Your paper should be well supported with facts, examples and quotes that prove the various pros and cons that you are making. Both sides of the issue should be equally presented. Your conclusion should be the only place that personal opinion is made. This is where you tell me which side you believe in and why.

Notes: **16 pages DO NOT** include citations and References & **20 pages MAY include** citations and References.

Citations: **You can use MLA or APA, not both.**

MLA is a particular writing standard and preference requirement, and make sure all words are spelled correctly, proper grammar is used, and all facts/quotes cited or footnoted. The file should be in Microsoft Word and named LastNameFirst.doc (i.e. SmithJ(Hackers).docx. Make sure to include your sources at the bottom of your final draft, and that at least 10 or more of those sources are cited in the paper.

Term Paper Requirements: **File name is important (see below!)** because **I list them, last name first.**

1. Your file name **MUST** be your **LastNameFirst(ResearchTopicName).docx** (i.e. **SmithJ(IdentifyTheft).docx**)
2. Font size 12 Time New Roman. The cover page includes: (1) Research Title(Topic), (2) Your Name, (3) Course/section and (4) Outline. Cover page and Outline **do not count forward or constitute to your 16 pages requirement.**
3. Begin with your introduction or overview of topics and issues.
 - Background, description, and/or history of the issue
 - Issues, various points of views and/or court cases (Pros/Cons)
 - Results of interviews, observations, research, etc.
 - Your comments or evaluations
4. Summary
5. List of citations and references. References **do not count as or constitute to your 16 pages requirement.**
6. You require turning in online by attaching your final term paper to “Final Term Papers” under the “Research Papers Assignment”.