

COSC 3050, Spring 2016

Final Exam Topics

Remember, these are **topics**, not *titles*. You need to decide how you are going to approach whichever you choose, decide whether you are “pro” or “con” for your topic, and present a logical argument in support of your choice. That means you have show how your arguments “trump” the opposing arguments.

Topics:

- Consider the current proliferation of drone technology and the subsequent use of drones by non-military organizations for which there is little or no oversight. Is this a problem or not?
- Consider that the control (or lack of control) over the Internet will affect its use. Can we weather the storm that is coming and still have a useful, affordable Internet?
- Consider the move by auto manufacturers, aircraft builders, metropolitan traffic control systems, the national power grid, and others that is taking us toward networked autonomous systems that require little or no user interaction, no “moving parts”, no human oversight. Will we see disasters in the near future or are we mature enough to make sure it all still works efficiently and safely?