

CS 200 - Paper 3 - Spring 2017

1 Deadlines

Abstract - 3/27

Rough draft - 4/9

Final draft - 5/1

2 Topic

“Those who cannot remember the past are condemned to repeat it.”

– George Santayana, *Reason in Common Sense*, 1905.

While arguably the novelty of technological advancements prevent computing from falling into historical cycles, it is still important to learn from the past to better steer computing into the future. For Paper 3, you will evaluate the past of an area of interaction between computers and society, using it to inform planning for the future. You are to explore the ethical issues encountered and how they were dealt with. Furthermore, you should bring this to bear on current issues, providing a persuasive plan of action moving forward. Finally, considering the history of your area, you should determine to what extent computers have had a good or bad effect on society.

3 Format

Unlike the previous papers, Paper 3 requires an ethical judgment to be made. You must indicate the ethical system used as a foundation for this judgment in addition to supporting your case. In the interest of academic integrity, your historical survey should be balanced. Do not exclude significant items that run counter to your stance.

As before, you should cite information from several reliable sources and write for a general adult audience. Do not assume the reader to have extensive technical knowledge. Strive for clarity and succinctness in your writing.

You must cite at least four written references, in addition to any of the course texts used. These may be books or articles from academic journals, major newspapers, or established magazines. Blogs and websites like Wikipedia may be used to discover sources, but they are not to be cited from and will not count towards your number of references.

You'll start with a short (~150–200 word) abstract describing your proposed topic. This will be due earlier (3/27), so that we can make sure you are on the right track. Of course, please feel free to contact me earlier if you are nervous about your topic! Completion of your abstract on time counts for 10% of the paper grade.

A rough draft will be due 4/9, providing ample time for your WA conference. This peer revision is extremely helpful in fine-tuning your draft so that you end up with a final product you can be proud of. Remember that your WA's time is valuable. The conference is required and influences

the rough draft portion of your grade. In total, the rough draft and WA meeting count for 20% of the paper grade.

The rough draft and final paper should be submitted in PDF. Your references must be appropriately cited. No specific reference format is required, but enough information must be provided for finding any source you use. Plagiarism is unacceptable. The full paper must be at least 2500 words. This word count does not count your references.