

Term Paper Rubric for CSCI E-11

Term Paper Rubric (out of 15)	Marks	A (100%)	B (86%)	C (76%)	D (66%)	F (< 66)
Assignment Goals and Substance	9	Excels in responding to assignment. Interesting, Demonstrates sophistication of thought. Key information/data is well used and clearly communicated.	Uses most of the requested information/data. Shows good use of sources, but may not communicate them clearly.	Presents key information/data in general terms, often plagued with platitudes or clichés. Shows basic use of sources with very occasional lapses in understanding.	Does not respond well to assignment. Adequate but weak and not effective. Presents key information/data in general terms, often plagued with platitudes or clichés. Shows basic use of sources with lapses in understanding.	Does not respond appropriately to the assignment. The paper and the information used are vague. Student may misunderstand and/or underuse sources. Random organization, lacking paragraph/sentence structure.
Support, Organization, coherence, and mechanics	6	Sophisticated transitional sentences (develops one idea from the previous one or identify their logical relations). Uses excellent information/data. Follows assignment plan exactly, handling one section at a time, using excellent transitions.	Uses a logical structure appropriate to paper's subject and purpose. Uses very well information and data and integrates it in the essay rather than lists it. Follows assignment plan exactly, handling one section at a time.	Uses some logical structure appropriate to paper's aim. Some logical links may be faulty, but each paragraph clearly relates to paper's goal. Follows assignment plan somewhat, using some good transitions devices.	Ideas are arranged randomly rather than logically and sentence arrangement is not coherent. If used, transitions are not logic-based. Often uses generalizations to support points. Some sources referenced.	Does not follow instructions. Not written in own words. Uses irrelevant details. Lacks supporting evidence. May be unduly brief. Uses no appropriate sources.

Peer Review Rubric (out of 7.5)	Marks	Metric
Constructive Feedback	5	This assignment is worth 7.5 points. In grading it, we will consider the quality of your feedback on both specific items and on the paper as a whole, as well as how clearly you communicate.
Comprehensive Feedback	2.5	

*Parts of this rubric taken from: http://facpub.stjohns.edu/~layachia/1-All_Courses_Docs/Grading%20Rubrics%20For%20Papers.pdf