

CS 3000 Term Paper Rubric

Criteria	Ratings				Pts
Organization How well is the paper organized to make it easy to follow the logical flow of the topic?	10 pts Excellent Extremely well-organized. Very easy to follow the logical flow of the topic.	7 pts Good Mostly well-organized. Easy to follow the logical flow of the topic for the most part.	4 pts Acceptable Acceptably organized, but with major lapses that could have been addressed to make it easier to follow the logical flow of the topic.	0 pts No Marks Very disorganized or unable to follow to the logical flow of the topic.	10 pts
Introduction and Conclusion How well and appropriately do the introduction and conclusion cover the topic? Do they tell most of the story, albeit without all the details?	10 pts Excellent Extremely well done. The introduction and conclusion cover the topic extremely well, and tell most of the story, albeit without all the details.	7 pts Good Mostly well done. The introduction and conclusion cover the topic well for the most part. They tell most of the story, but miss out on some points.	4 pts Acceptable Acceptably done. The introduction and conclusion cover the topic, but with major lapses that could have been addressed.	0 pts No Marks Missing or irrelevant or very inappropriate for the topic.	10 pts
Technical Details How well are the technical details covered, including appropriate legal aspects, ethical aspects, definition of terms when necessary, etc.	10 pts Excellent Excellent coverage of many technical details, including appropriate legal aspects, ethical aspects, findings, etc.	7 pts Good Good coverage of many technical details, including some good legal aspects, ethical aspects, and/or findings, etc.	4 pts Acceptable Acceptable coverage of technical details, including some legal aspects, ethical aspects, findings, etc., but with some appropriate details missing.	0 pts No Marks Missing, incoherent, irrelevant or very inappropriate for the topic.	10 pts

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Balanced Argument How well does the paper cover all sides of the issue by presenting various points of view with examples and counter examples?	10 pts Excellent Excellently balanced with superb coverage of all sides of the issue, including examples and counter examples.	7 pts Good Mostly well balanced argument with coverage of all sides of the issue, including examples and counter examples.	4 pts Acceptable Acceptable balance to the argument with some coverage of other points of view, with or without examples and counter examples.	0 pts No Marks Very one-sided and unbalanced argument. No coverage of alternate points of view or counter examples.	10 pts
References References reflect nontrivial research, and are professionally listed and cited.	10 pts Excellent References reflect excellent research, and are professionally listed and cited.	7 pts Good References reflect mostly nontrivial research, and are mostly professionally listed and cited.	4 pts Acceptable References reflect acceptable research, and are somewhat professionally listed and cited.	0 pts No Marks References are missing, or are not at all professionally listed and cited, or do not reflect any research.	10 pts
Articulation, Spelling & Grammar How good are the articulation, consistency, grammar and spelling, and coherence?	5 pts Excellent Excellently articulate, highly consistent and coherent, with perfect grammar and spelling,	4 pts Good Mostly well-articulated, consistent, and coherent. Grammar and spelling is good, if not near-perfect.	2 pts Acceptable Acceptable articulation, consistency, and coherence. Nontrivial lapses in grammar and spelling , but they do not impede the paper in a major way,	0 pts No Marks Very inarticulate, inconsistent, and incoherent. Major lapses in grammar and spelling that impede the paper in major ways,	5 pts

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Length Paper meets the requirement of a minimum of 5 pages, 12 pt. sans-serif font for the body of the paper.	5 pts Excellent Paper meets the requirement of a minimum of 5 pages, 12 pt. sans-serif font for the body of the paper.	4 pts Good Paper nearly meets the requirement of a minimum of 5 pages, 12 pt. sans-serif font for the body of the paper by containing at least 4 pages.	2 pts Acceptable Paper contains at least 3 pages, 12 pt. sans-serif font for the body of the paper.	0 pts No Marks Paper contains less than 3 pages, 12 pt. sans-serif font for the body of the paper.	5 pts
Total Points: 60					