

## CS 3001-A Computing and Society Full Term Paper (Spring 2024)

<b>Due:</b>	April 22, 2024 11:59pm Eastern Time
<b>Format</b>	<i>Final term paper document:</i> This 12 page document will have the following components: <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1) Page 1: A cover page stating the title of the paper, the name of the student, section id and section TA name</li><li>2) Pages 2-9: Approximately 8 pages of content</li><li>3) Pages 10-12 (flexible): APA style references<sup>1</sup></li></ol> <p>The document will use a single-column, double-spaced, 12 point font format with 1 inch margins.</p>
<b>Logistics</b>	Submit the deliverable as PDF documents on Canvas
<b>Grading criteria</b>	Completeness
	Writing
	Quality of research and argument presented
	Insight into computing and society issues
	Late policy applies
<b>Grade</b>	190 points (19% of your overall grade)

For your term paper (on the same topic for which you previously wrote a proposal and then an outline), you have by now conducted research an issue about computing and society that you are initially undecided about. In your paper, you will take a position on that issue and support that position. Your paper should be approximately eight pages long, without the cover page and the references. You can borrow from the content you wrote in your proposal (with rephrasing), and should use the outline you completed in a previous assignment (minor deviations are allowed). You can also add references to this final paper, on top of the ones you used in your paper proposal and outline.

Try to be balanced and fair in your presentation of evidence. You do not necessarily need to take a strong stance on the issue. If as you research you find you are really undecided, you may instead write about why there is currently not enough evidence available on your issue. You can review all the existing evidence, and in your conclusion outline what sort of empirical research would be desirable to fully understand the issue.

*Insights in computing and society issues.* By now, you would have had a good grasp of how computing technologies impact our social and personal lives. You are welcome to use any of the constructs (e.g., intellectual property, software code of ethics, or information privacy) or theories (e.g., the ethical theories) to unpack your arguments.

*Quality of writing counts.* Please try to make your prose clear and readable. Do not use overly formal language, but also do not use colloquialisms. Your textbook and readings are reasonable models for the desired writing style. To the greatest extent possible, all statements in your paper should be supported by appropriate references. If you include personal opinion or other sources of data (e.g., quotes of famous people or news media pieces), mark those clearly. Your bibliography should be in APA style.

Please avoid citing the same reference over and over. Sometimes we get term papers that are essentially a summary of one source. This does not make a good paper. Students who include a variety of references as sources of their evidence will be rewarded.

*Reference format.* APA format is described here: <http://www.apastyle.org/>. You need to have a minimum of 10 references, and at least 4 of them needed to be peer reviewed.