

COSC 480 Senior Seminar Scoring Guide for Written Assignments

| Written Communication | <i>Inadequate (1 pt.)</i> | <i>Needs Improvement (2 pts.)</i> | <i>Adequate (3 pts.)</i> | <i>Excellent (4 pts.)</i> |
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| <i>Clarity (Whole Essay)</i> | <i>There appears to be no organization of the essay's contents.</i> | <i>Organization of the essay is difficult to follow due to a combination of the following:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Inadequate transitions</i> • <i>Rambling format</i> | <i>The essay can easily be followed. A combination of the following is apparent:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Basic transitions are used.</i> • <i>A structured format is used.</i> | <i>The essay can easily be followed. A combination of the following is apparent:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Effective transitions are used.</i> • <i>A polished format is used.</i> |
| <i>Mechanical (Sentences)</i> | <i>Sentences and paragraphs are difficult to read and understand due to poor grammar or mechanics</i> | <i>The essay contains numerous grammatical and mechanical errors.</i> | <i>The essay contains minimal grammatical or mechanical errors.</i> | <i>The essay is clear and concise and contains no grammatical or mechanical errors.</i> |
| <i>Organization (Paragraphs and Bibliography Page)</i> | <i>Unclear and vague paragraph distinctions/Citations on bibliography page are not consisted with topic area.</i> | <i>Thoughts or issues expressed in the paragraph breakdown need more modification. Not enough citations were used (or noted) on the bibliography page.</i> | <i>Paragraph organization was good. The bibliography page was constructed in an orderly and correct style.</i> | <i>Eloquent paragraph organization/Excellent references used in the bibliography page</i> |

| Content | <i>Inadequate (2 pts.)</i> | <i>Needs Improvement (4 pts.)</i> | <i>Adequate (6 pts.)</i> | <i>Excellent (8 pts.)</i> |
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| <i>Followed the Assignment Directions</i> | <i>The paper has no apparent relation to the directions of the assignments.</i> | <i>Some of the paper follows the directions.</i> | <i>Most of the paper follows the directions.</i> | <i>The paper follows the directions precisely. (i.e. the sections are labeled, directions for finding the article are clear, all required information, etc.)</i> |
| <i>Explains the technical issue</i> | <i>Names the technical issue.</i> | <i>Attempts to explain the technical issue.</i> | <i>Technical details are accurate.</i> | <i>Is both concise and complete in technical explanation</i> |
| <i>Stakeholders are Identified and what values are at stake.</i> | <i>Does not identify who is impacted by the ethical dilemma or how they are impacted. Does not explain the values are stake.</i> | <i>Specifies either who is impacted by the ethical dilemma OR how they are impacted, but not both. Attempts to explain the values at stakes.</i> | <i>Specifies who is impacted by the ethical dilemma AND how they are impacted. Attempts to explain the values at stakes.</i> | <i>Specifies who is impacted by the ethical dilemma AND how they are impacted. Clearly explains the values at stake.</i> |
| <i>Used the four steps in the Analysis process</i> | <i>None of the steps used in the analysis process</i> | <i>The paper included some of the steps for an ethical analysis of the case.</i> | <i>The paper included all of the four steps to support a reasonable ethical analysis of the case.</i> | <i>The paper included all of the four steps to support a strong ethical analysis of the case.</i> |
| <i>Conclusion: Justified preferred position</i> | <i>Didn't pick a position</i> | <i>Picked, but didn't justify (with or without the four step analysis process)</i> | <i>Picked and tried to justify (using the four step analysis process) weak</i> | <i>Convinced me—Essay provides a persuasive argument that clearly supports the position.</i> |
| <i>Cited references (whole paper)</i> | <i>The paper has no apparent citations related to the topic.</i> | <i>The paper included minimum citations that did not related to the position of the topic or point of view.</i> | <i>Several citations were used throughout the paper to support position.</i> | <i>The paper included an appropriate number of cited references throughout paper, which supported the position of the topic.</i> |