

COS 490 Spring 2009 Paper 5 Description

Write a paper that is at least 2,500 words (at least 8 pages – single-spaced, not counting the bibliography, cover pages, footnote pages, etc.) long on the following topic.

Identify at least 5 ethical principles that have been discussed in the readings and presentations that have been studied so far this semester and that can be used as a basis for a professional code of ethics. For each one, give a clear statement of the principle. Then discuss how each of the three authors (Machiavelli, MacIntyre, Perrow) and Tom DeMarco would react to the principle. Please make your arguments clear and do not make unsupported statements. Please provide footnotes to any sources that you quote and a correct bibliography. Finally, give your assessment of each ethical principle and whether you accept or reject it.

Your papers will be graded on the criteria listed on the second page. Each criterion will receive a grade of 0-100 and the final result will be computed using a standard average of the 6 factors.

Be sure to write an interesting paper and put forward original ideas. Of course, your paper should be your own personal work. Be sure to provide adequate references for material that you use in your paper. Organize the paper and make it look good. The paper must be typed. You will lose points for typos and grammatical errors. **Please observe the following conventions:**

1. Each paper must have a separate title page to include the following:
 - a. title of paper
 - b. your name
 - c. a single paragraph Abstract
 - d. the paper's total word count
2. The paper should be divided into named sections. Use a bold face or underlined section heading for each section. The section headings will probably be a close approximation to your outline.
3. If your final draft is short of 2,500 words, expect to be docked proportionately: a 2,000 word paper will gain a maximum score of 80% of 100 points.
4. Feel free to show your drafts to anyone and everyone prior to submission and to solicit advice on how your writing can be improved. Even though this is a graded product, we want you to get the help you need to write the best paper you can. Obviously it would not be proper to ask anyone else to write parts of the paper for you.
5. There is a writing laboratory available for your use. It is located in 402-404 Neville Hall. Your best bet is to make an appointment at 581-3828. There is no charge for its use and any member of the University community can use it. Generally, their hours are 9 am-4 pm M-F, but call before you go.

CRITERIA CHECKLIST & EVALUATION FEEDBACK

Score (Standard Mean) _____

<p><i>FOCUS (0-100)</i> The ideas and details in the paper are focused to fulfill the writer's purpose, to respond to the assignment.</p>	
<p><i>DEVELOPMENT (0-100)</i> The paper is developed with specific, concrete details that clearly and adequately fulfill the writer's purpose.</p>	
<p><i>STRUCTURE (0-100)</i> The organization of the paper is logical in light of the writer's audience and purpose and shows the writer's understanding of effective introductions, paragraphing, and conclusions.</p>	
<p><i>FLOW (0-100)</i> The flow of text within and between paragraphs is coherent and smooth.</p>	
<p><i>STYLE & CREATIVITY (0-100)</i> The sentences and diction demonstrate the writer's ability to use language clearly, vividly, and appropriately.</p>	
<p><i>MECHANICS (0-100)</i> The text reflects the writer's understanding of generally accepted conventions of grammar, punctuation, and mechanics.</p>	

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