

# CS 4001 - Term Paper Outline

You should have identified the topic of your term paper. The rest of the term will be spent actually writing it. To help in this process, write a detailed outline

- **Outline.** An outline is a hierarchical plan of the document with indentation reflecting the organization of material. You should have much more detail by this stage of your project than a mere outline of section headings. (Such an outline would indicate what your paper will be about but not what it will say. Summarize what you're going to say.) In preparing this document, you should use an appropriate tool, such as OmniOutliner or MS Word in outline mode.

This document should be a shortened, highlevel, or more abstract summary of what your term paper says, not what it is about. If you can only list subtopics, not what you are going to say about them, then you haven't made enough progress yet. Your outline should include both claims and reasons, as well as the grounds and backing you will present.

Two or three pages is about right for an outline. Include at the end or in the body of the draft or outline some of the sources that you are using. There is no need for a bibliography/reference section. If you do include one, there is no need to use any standard format, although this will be necessary in the next step and final version.

Submit: **TWO** printouts of your outline.