

CS 4001

Draft Term Paper Grading Key

Please Take Note: A satisfactory in all categories will equate to a grade of a B or high C *on the draft*. We expect to see marked improvement on the final paper, if you want to maintain the same letter grade. (i.e. final papers will be held to a higher standard than your rough draft.) Note that on the draft your writing style and mechanics (grammar, punctuation) may be marked but will not contribute seriously to your grade unless it is so bad that it makes your arguments unreadable. On the final paper syntax and grammar mistakes will count as a good portion of your grade.

Main Grading Categories (E: Excellent, S: Satisfactory, U: Unsatisfactory)	Evaluation
Thesis Statement E: clear, contestable, defensible, focused S: understandable and disprovable	
Organization E: logical, ordered decomposition of ideas S: arguments presented in an organized fashion	
Arguments E: large number of subclaims backed with evidence and logic, counter-arguments refuted S: solid arguments	
References (External support) E: excellent quality and quantity of support S: good quality and quantity of support	
Background E: plenty of explanation of the context surrounding your claim S: The reader can generally understand the context of your claim.	

E: -0 points S: -1.5 points U: -3 points

Grade: _____ / 45 (40.5 > A; 36.0 > B; 31.5 > C)

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