

CISC 497, Short Paper Evaluation

Writer:

Subject:

Letter Grade:

Content (50%)

Uses critical thinking; displays originality and creativity

Provides excellent supporting arguments for position based on research, not only opinion. Effectively uses facts, case studies and statistics from research sources to defend arguments, not hearsay and generalizations

All legislation, statistics and examples are non-U.S. to balance our text's bias.

Research Sources are of excellent quality and are properly cited in the body of the paper and documented in a reference list at the end, using APA guidelines:

- APA format of paper, citations, and reference list
- Excellent quality research sources - not Wikipedia, since anyone can post on it
- All sources shown in the reference list are cited within the body of the paper
- No plagiarism, so there are citations for all info or ideas used from a source

Organization (25%)

Uses the thesis, antithesis, synthesis framework of dialectical reasoning (see the detailed explanation on the 497 website)

Has a separate introduction and conclusion paragraph. Intro clearly identifies the social, ethical, or legal issue to be discussed and states the overall synthesis position in its last sentence without giving all details. Conclusion briefly reiterates main points and position without being too redundant; it does not introduce new material.

Paper is focused, well organized, and unified with logically ordered paragraphs that each have a clear topic sentence and that stick to their topic.

Style (15%)

Ideas flow smoothly and logically, with good transitions from one to the next.

Uses clear direct language that is appropriate for the audience, formal, but not pedantic

Writing Errors (10%)

Is free of errors in grammar, punctuation, word choice, spelling, and format