

CS/IT 285 Final Paper specifications – Scenario Version

15% of final course grade

Content: Brainstorming, analysis and synthesis of solutions for one pre-defined scenario of the student's choosing (all scenarios are listed in the slides entitled "Scenarios.")

Format:

- ☐ Document must be in .docx or .pdf format and uploaded to Blackboard in the correct folder.
- ☐ Minimum of 3 pages, one-sided, not including headings or works cited. Maximum of 10 pages.
- ☐ 12 point font, double spaced, Times New Roman
- ☐ Class term(s) should be in **bold** for the first use in which they are defined and applied. Subsequent mentions of the same term should not be in bold.
- ☐ Top and bottom margins: 1"; Left and right margins: 1.25"
- ☐ Points will be deducted for significant grammar and spelling mistakes.
- ☐ Works cited: all content that is not an original product of the student's analysis or commentary must be cited in APA format. This includes but is not limited to references to definitions, statistics or news events. See below for more information about citations.
- ☐ Appropriation of words, opinions or factual information obtained by outside sources without proper citation will be considered plagiarism. Papers found to be wholly or partially plagiarized will receive a 0. Zeroes due to plagiarism cannot be made up.

Remember that the 9.3.1 methodology is a decision-making tool. As such, it only makes sense when you apply it after identifying a "crossroad" within an issue that requires a decision to be made.

Suggested organization (add paragraphs as you see fit):

- ☐ Part 1 – Introduce the topic, provide background information.
- ☐ Part 2 - Brainstorming phase questions are addressed and discussed.
- ☐ Part 3 – Analysis phase questions are addressed and discussed.
- ☐ Part 4 – Synthesis of brainstorming and analysis phases is evident, course of action is suggested.
- ☐ Part 5 – Conclusion
- ☐ Throughout parts 1 -5:
 - Personal commentary should be woven into objective discourse.
 - All ethical implications, options and possibilities should be addressed.
 - At least one major class term should be justifiably linked to the topic, efficiently demonstrating student's comprehension of the term and how it applies to the topic.
 - Class terms that are extremely relevant but omitted from the student's paper will result in deductions.

CITATIONS: More details.

Scenario style papers are not required to, but may, have outside resources cited. However, you must cite information that came from class notes (term definitions, etc.). You should include the slide number in the in-line citation. I will allow the reference citation to be done as a website rather than a PowerPoint as a time-saving shortcut. Websites are cited as follows: [APA](#). Generally, citing my slides in the reference section might look something like this:

Potasznik, Amanda. Fall 2018, CSIT285L. *Day 5 slides*. Retrieved from <https://cpb-us-w2.wpmucdn.com/blogs.umb.edu/dist/7/3673/files/2018/05/Day-5-2fehnts.pdf> on December 11, 2018.

When you introduce your scenario, you should not copy and paste it from the scenario slides. You should paraphrase the scenario and add plenty of your own interpretation/transition statements. You can even add new details in order to clarify some of the vague or missing information, or lend narrative elements to your paper to make it less boilerplate.

The scenario itself does not need to be cited even though it comes from an outside source.