

IT 412 Short Paper Guidelines and Rubric

In this course, short papers will be used so that you can explore the course content more deeply and apply the key concepts and theories learned in your readings. In each short paper you are also asked to practice proper APA formatting.

Guidelines for Submission: Short papers should follow these formatting guidelines: length in pages listed below, with double-spacing, 12-point Times New Roman font, one-inch margins, and citations in APA format.

Module Two Short Paper: **A Moral Theory** should be one page in length, with a minimum of two citations.

Module Four Short Paper: **Impact of Data Breach** should be one to two pages in length, with a minimum of two citations.

Module Five Short Paper: **Risk Assessment and Response Plans** should be one to two pages in length, with a minimum of two citations (preferably from [Guide for Conducting Risk Assessment](#) or [Managing Information Security Risk](#)).

Module Six Short Paper: **Digital Censorship in China Case Study** should be one page in length, with no citations necessary.

Critical Elements	Exemplary (100%)	Proficient (85%)	Needs Improvement (55%)	Not Evident (0%)	Value
Cyberlaw and Ethics	Meets “Proficient” criteria and supports explanation with clear and relevant examples using scholarly research when appropriate	Explores the content as it relates to the cyberlaw and ethics regulations using specific details	Explores the content but does not clearly relate it to the practice of cyberlaw and ethics regulations and/or lacks specific details	Does not explore the content as it relates to cyberlaw and ethics regulations	30
Application of Key Concepts and Theories	Meets “Proficient” criteria and supports explanation with clear and relevant examples using scholarly research when appropriate	Clearly applies the key concepts and theories to topic utilizing basic cyberlaw vocabulary and terminology	Applies the key concepts and theories to topic but does not utilize basic cyberlaw vocabulary and terminology, and/or ideas are unclear	Does not apply the key concepts or theories to the topic utilizing basic cyberlaw vocabulary and terminology	30
Personal/ Professional Reflection	Meets “Proficient” criteria and supports explanation with clear and relevant examples using scholarly research when appropriate	Reflects on personal and professional ethics as it impacts IT organizations, using specific details	Reflects on personal and professional ethics as it impacts IT organizations, but lacks specific details	Does not reflect on personal and professional ethics	30

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Articulation of Response	Submission is free of errors related to citations, grammar, spelling, syntax, and organization and is presented in a professional and easy-to-read format	Submission has no major errors related to citations, grammar, spelling, syntax, or organization	Submission has major errors related to citations, grammar, spelling, syntax, or organization that negatively impact readability and articulation of main ideas	Submission has critical errors related to citations, grammar, spelling, syntax, or organization that prevent understanding of ideas	10
Earned Total				100%	