

**SOC U528 - Computers and Society**  
Spring 2008

**Essay Grading Criteria**

Each essay is worth 10 points. Remember that you will not be graded on so-called right or wrong answers. Therefore, express your ideas, but provide clear definitions and illustrative examples. The standard is:

**(1) Synthesis and Critical Thinking and Analysis:**

Student did not do	Poor	Average	Good	Excellent
0	1	2	3	4

**(2) Thoroughness:**

Student did not do	Extremely Poor	Poor	Average	Excellent
0	.5	1	1.5	2

**Thoroughness:** The essay addressed all (or most) of the question. Concepts and descriptions included in essay are explained thoroughly (e.g. how, why, which, when, etc.)

0     .5     1     1.5     2

**Critical Thinking and Analysis:** The essay exemplified critical thinking and analysis relevant to the essay question. This includes, but is not limited to: insightful observation, logical reasoning, integration and analysis of course materials; and/or posing of provocative questions.

0     1     2     3     4

**Synthesis:** The essay integrates themes, examples, and concepts from course readings and/or other relevant materials such as bookmarks and class discussions. The specific positions of relevant multiple stakeholders are included.

0     1     2     3     4

**Total:** \_\_\_\_\_ out of 10 points

**Grader Comments:**