

Topics for Term Paper & Final Project

Final project

- A creative project of your choice related to or informed by what we have studied
- Work individually or with one partner
- A 3- to 5-minute presentation on the last day of class. All team members present.
- Submit a mini proposal along with list of references after library research session next week
- Computing in society? Technology? It's your choice!

Example topics for final project

- Computing for a cause—sustainability
- Important figure in the history of computing
- History of computing and predictions for the future
- Digital communities and politics
- Creativity and digital culture
- Gender and digital culture
- Digital divide
- Engineering a social network
- Cybernetics and society
- Cybernetics, cognitive science and neuro-robotics
- What's up with Watson?
- ...

Term paper

- Main component in the course, 15%
- There are three parts:
 - Draft paper (position paper) due Monday, 7/30
 - Debate (Tuesday, 7/31)
 - Final paper (due Friday, 8/3, 5pm)

Potential debate (term paper) topics

1. Every undergraduate student should take a CS/IS course in order to graduate
2. High schools should monitor students' Internet activity
3. An employer should monitor all employee email
4. A website should show visitors its privacy policy and offer "opt-in" rather than "opt-out"
5. Copyright length should be short (shorter than life+70yrs)
6. Government's eavesdropping on citizen's communication (with foreign nationals) is necessary for national security
7. Quality of social interaction has deteriorated with increased Internet usage
9. Government assumes responsibility to nationally block internet sources deemed a danger to public safety
11. AI should have the same rights as human beings if they are capable of emotions
12. Countries should establish global law to protect privacy
14. The development and integration of AI should be limited
15. AI can influence humans in major decision making
16. AI robots are beneficial to societal labor structure

Your ballot for debate topics

- List **three** topics that you would like to debate, ranked by your preference, and indicate which side: proposition or opposition
- If you love a topic and do not care which side you'll debate, list both sides and they count as **two** of your three topics
- Submit a sheet of paper containing your **three ranked choices, your name, and your netID no later than Monday (7/23) afternoon**

“Mace-Paris” debate format modified

- Teams of 3 or 4
- Speaking order:
 - 1st proposition (up to 3 minutes)
 - 1st opposition (up to 3 minutes)
 - 2nd proposition (up to 3 minutes)
 - 2nd opposition (up to 3 minutes)
 - 3rd proposition (up to 3 minutes)
 - 3rd opposition (up to 3 minutes)
 - Floor questions (up to 1 minute)
 - 4th proposition (up to 3 minutes)
 - 4th opposition (up to 3 minutes)
- Speaker does not have to accept request for Point of Information (POI).

POI allowed during
the 2nd minute

No POI