

IT 505 Short Paper Rubric

Short papers are assigned in this course to facilitate the understanding and application of core technologies in IT and their growing significance for individuals and organizations. The short papers provide an opportunity for students to apply their understanding, research abilities, and effective communication skills to explore key topics in the evolution of IT technologies and their applications. The four topics are:

- Roles of Core Technologies in an Effective IT System
- Network Protocols
- The Wonderful World of Free Wi-Fi
- Information Assurance – Counting on Countermeasures

Guidelines for Submission: Short paper assignments must follow these formatting guidelines: double spacing, 12-point Times New Roman font, one-inch margins, and APA style citations. Page length requirements: Short papers are expected to be two to four pages in length, not including title pages, abstracts, or references.

Critical Elements	Exemplary (100%)	Proficient (90%)	Needs Improvement (70%)	Not Evident (0%)	Value
Application of Core Technology Concepts	Meets “Proficient” criteria substantiated with examples of the relevant technologies	Demonstrates exploration of topic-related issues around core technologies before accepting or forming an opinion or conclusion, showing knowledge of the relevant technologies	Insufficiently demonstrates topic-related issues around core technologies before accepting or forming an opinion or conclusion; however, reveals limited knowledge of the relevant technologies	Does not demonstrate topic-related issues around core technologies before accepting or forming an opinion or conclusion or demonstrates limited knowledge of the relevant technologies	40
Analysis of IT Infrastructure Implications	Meets “Proficient” criteria substantiated with scholarly sources	Examines implications of IT technologies and infrastructure in response to the specific short paper prompt and incorporates awareness of related issues for organizations and business	Attempts to consider the implications of IT technologies and infrastructure in response to the specific short paper prompt; however, exploration of related issues for organizations and business is limited	Is not able to address the implications of IT technologies and infrastructure in response to the specific short paper prompt or analysis is very limited	40

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Articulation of Response	Submission is free of errors related to citations, grammar, spelling, syntax, and organization, and writing style is professional and fluent	Submission has few errors related to citations, grammar, spelling, syntax, and organization, and writing has a logical and clear flow	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	20
Total					100%