


Marking Guidelines

Before speaking with the instructor or teaching assistant regarding your paper (after evaluation), review the assignment guidelines (course outline) to confirm that you fulfilled the assignment requirements.

The instructor or teaching assistant will not respond to questions regarding the papers until 24 hours after the paper has been returned. They will not respond to inquiries via email.

You can request that your mark be reviewed. Arrange a meeting with the TA or instructor and be prepared to explain why you feel the mark does not reflect the quality of the paper. However, when a paper is re-evaluated, the mark may go up or down.

The following notations may appear on your paper:

~~~~	This line (beneath a sentence) indicates a poorly written section that needs revision.
S.S.	Sentence structure
awk	Awkward phrasing or terminology
	Circled text indicates a poor use of terminology. Or, a circle can indicate a poor use of grammar in a specific instance.
[ ]	This section of text is confusing or poorly worded. Often this is an indication of a phrase or section that is too broad or vague.
thesis?	The introduction has no thesis
explain	The point is not clear. You need to expand on this section and provide additional detail or explanation.
source	The section is not properly cited. You need to cite evidence to support the conclusion.
generalization	The phrase is a broad generalization with no evidentiary support.
modifier	A grammatical error – refer to a writing textbook.
passive	Passive voice. A grammatical error – refer to a writing textbook.
x	This indicates a factual error.
?	This section requires clarification. It confusing or does not make logical sense.
example?	Provide a specific example to demonstrate your point.