

CMPT 880/890
Writing Assignment #2
Due: October 16, 2009 (in class)

The purpose of this assignment is to refine your writing skills, with respect to presenting an argument.

The topic of your argument is as follows. “Every undergraduate student in Computer Science should take a course in Software Engineering.” Your main claim may be in favour or against this proposition.

You should identify 2 reasons, and provide evidence for your reasons. You should clearly state the warrant that connects your reasons to your main claim. You should also consider one objection to the main claim, and argue that this objection is not valid. Your argument should be no longer than one page.

Grading will be based on whether all of the components above are present in your document (5 marks). Grading will also be based on the clarity of your argument (5 marks), and the quality of your writing, including spelling and grammar (5 marks). However, your argument does not have to convince me that you are right. As in the previous assignment, you may invent evidence to support your claim, as long as it is almost realistic. There is no grade assigned to accuracy or correctness of your argument.