

### **Guidelines for Revisions**

At least one paper for this course, other than the final paper, must be revised and resubmitted. Under special circumstances, a student may get permission to revise the second paper, otherwise he or she is expected to revise the first paper. The new paper will be graded in light of the previous paper, instructor's comments, and suggestions made for improvement, and will be held to a higher standard than the original version. So, for example, simply incorporating the instructor's comments into the original text will not be adequate basis for raising the grade, even if the resulting paper is better than the original. In order for a grade on a paper to be raised, the revised paper must (at least) meet the following conditions:

- i) The paper must be substantially revised. It is not enough to change the wording in a few sentences, or to do a major rewrite of a single paragraph. The revision must show that there has been significant revisions throughout the paper.
- ii) The paper must show non-trivial improvements in clarity, organization, or argumentative content. Note that not all changes are improvements!
- iii) The revisions must show new thought on the part of the student. (As mentioned above, simply incorporating the instructor's comments in the text is not enough.)

The final grade for the assignment will be calculated by averaging the original grade on the paper and the grade on the revision. Students cannot expect substantive written comments on the revisions. Some effort will be made to explain why the grade was raised (or why not); for further substantive input on the revision, students will have to meet with the instructor.

Deadlines for revisions will be set by your teaching assistant.