

Spring 2019 IE460

Proposals – General Comments (April 12, 2019)

The following comments are for almost all the proposals. In addition, you should have separate received e-mails from me.

- 1) I understand that almost all of you want to write descriptive type essays, rather than mathematical models or derivations. This is acceptable, as I said in the beginning of the semester. However, the following become important for your final report, especially when you have a descriptive topic:
 - a. You have to define systematically what you want to achieve in this work to a person who will take IE460 course.
 - b. You should use more elaborate references – use scientific journals available thru the library rather than simple internet sources. Of course, sometimes internet sources will be needed to support an idea you are advocating.
 - c. You should make sure that you have enough material to reference or extend from the course to build on your proposal topic.
 - d. Do not forget the fact that you are IE's and our main concerns besides ethical considerations are related to decision making related. You should use your writing to respond decision-related issues rather than summarizing material you read from other sources without critically evaluating their underlying assumptions or generalizations.
- 2) All essays, but particularly descriptive type essays require a good organization. Make sure that you plan in detail how you want to write.
- 3) Referencing is important and crucial. Make sure that you are clear enough to give full references, as well as page numbers if the reference is a book.
- 4) Tips on academic writing: <http://bilwrite.bilkent.edu.tr/> and <http://dabir.bilkent.edu.tr/booklet.htm>